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Part X. of "Cuneiform Texts from Babylonian Tablets, &c.," contains texts from one black basalt gate-socket, one stone statue, two circular stone objects, one alabaster vase, one black basalt tablet, one black basalt boundary-stone, one limestone stele and fifty-two clay tablets. The inscriptions are as follows :—

(1.) Text recording the name and titles of Entemena, Governor of Shirpurla (Lagash), about B.C. 4,500, and those of his father, Enannadu I., and enumerating the names of the temples built during his reign (No. 86,900).

(2.) Text recording the name and titles of Ur-Ningirsu, governor of Shirpurla (Lagash), about B.C. 2,500, and those of his father, Gudea, governor of Shirpurla. The inscription states that the object on which it is inscribed was dedicated to the god Ningirsu, "the mighty warrior of Enlil (Bêl)," to ensure the preservation of the life of Ur-Ningirsu (No. 86,917).

(3.) Three votive texts of early Babylonian rulers, who reigned between B.C. 3,000 and B.C. 2,500 (Nos. 22,468, 22,469, 22,470).

(4.) Text of a deed recording the confirmation of the possession of a certain estate to Nabû-pal-iddina, the son of Atnai, by Nabû-pal-iddina, king of Babylon about B.C. 870 (No. 90,922).

(5.) Text of a deed recording a grant of land made by Shamash-shum-ukîn, king of Babylon from B.C. 668 to B.C. 648 (87,220).

(6.) Text containing a dedication to the goddess Bêlit, and recording the restoration of part of a temple in her honour by Ashur-bani-pal, king of Assyria from B.C. 668 to B.C. 626. These inscriptions were set up in the temple of Bêlit to mark the king's gratitude for his successes in the wars against the Elamites (Nos. 23,577, 23,578).

(7.) Texts from three circular clay tablets, containing lists of fields or estates, with measurements and statistics; drawn up during the period of the Second Dynasty of Ur, about B.C. 2,400 (Nos. 21,350, 24,959, 24,964).

(8.) Forty-nine texts from baked clay tablets inscribed with lists of revenues, and tables of accounts concerning grain, dates, sheep, cattle, &c., which were drawn up in the reigns of Bur-Sin, Ine-Sin, and other kings of Ur who ruled before B.C. 2,200. Seven are dated in the accession year of Bur-Sin (Nos. 14,341, 15,296, 21,402, 21,404, 21,405, 21,445, 21,456); three are dated in the year following Bur-Sin's accession (Nos. 19,053, 19,064, 19,778); four are dated in the year in which Bur-Sin destroyed Urbillu (Nos. 12,922, 14,333, 14,355, 15,297); and one is dated in the accession year of Ine-Sin (No. 12,246). In twenty-five tablets the name of the reigning king is not mentioned, but the documents

are dated by great events, such as the capture of a city, the building of a temple, &c. Thus, one is dated in the year which followed the destruction of the city of Simuru (No. 14,348); one in the year in which the city of Anshan was destroyed (No. 15,322), and one in the year which followed the destruction of Anshan (No. 17,747); two are dated in the year in which the cities of Kharshi and Khumurtu were destroyed (Nos. 14308, 14,313); five are dated in the year which followed the destruction of the city of Kimash (Nos. 14,342, 19,101, 21,252, 21,394, 23,782); two in the first and second years which followed this event (Nos. 14,344, 23,850); one in the year in which the city of Urbillu was destroyed (No. 14,316); three in the year in which the city of Shashru was destroyed (Nos. 18,962, 19,065, 23,767); one in the year in which the cities of Simuru and Lulubu were destroyed for the ninth time (No. 12,235); one in the year in which the city of Khukhnuru was destroyed (No. 12,248); two in the year in which a temple was built in honour of the god Dagan (Nos. 19,067, 21,429); and five in the years in which certain deities were installed in their shrines (Nos. 12,921, 14,315, 14,612, 21,355, 21,447). The remaining nine tablets (Nos. 12,239, 12,245, 12,247, 14,334, 18,964, 19,772, 21,256, 21,381, 21,426) are undated, but were probably inscribed during the reigns of Bur-Sin, Gamil-Sin, and other kings of Ur before B.C. 2,200.

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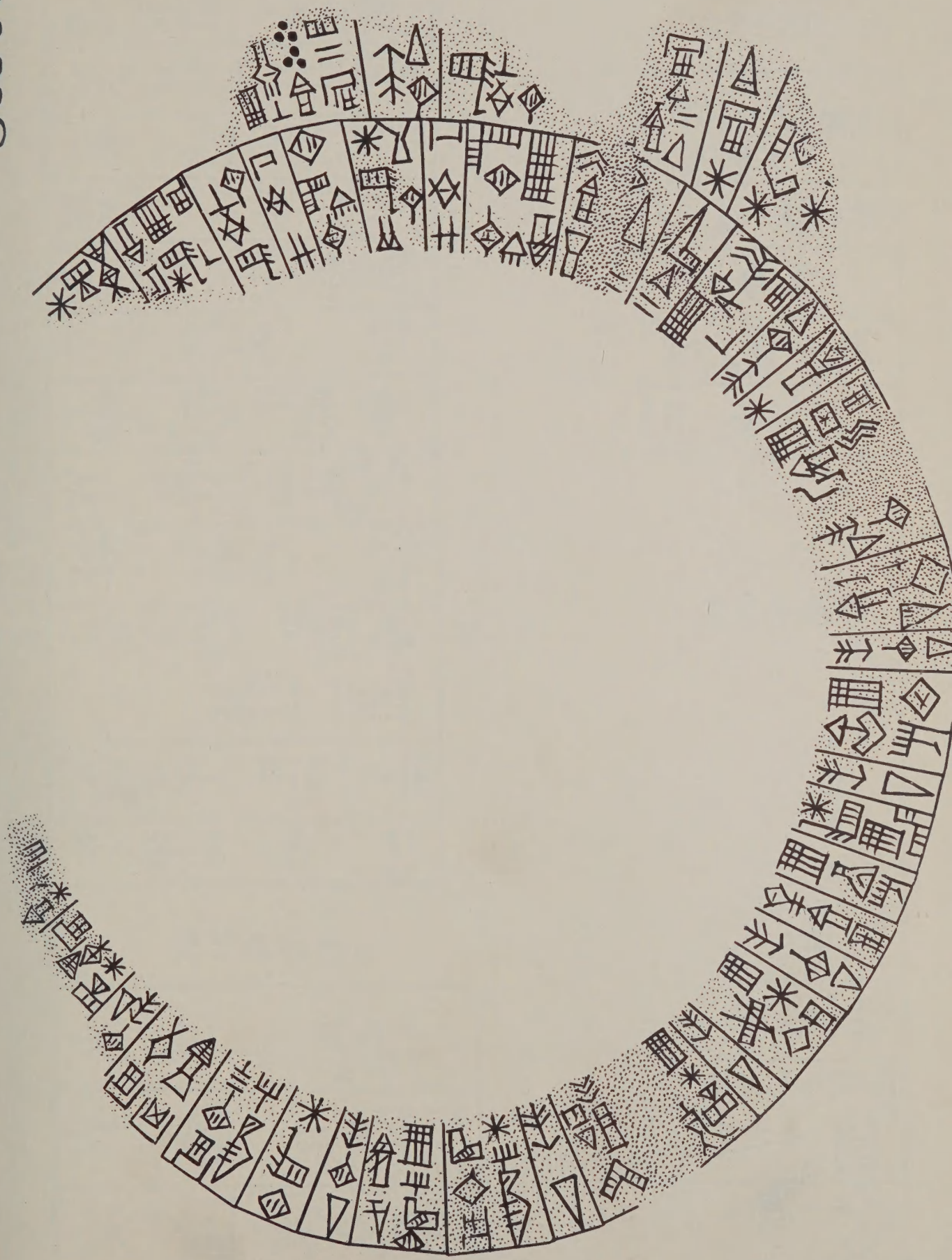

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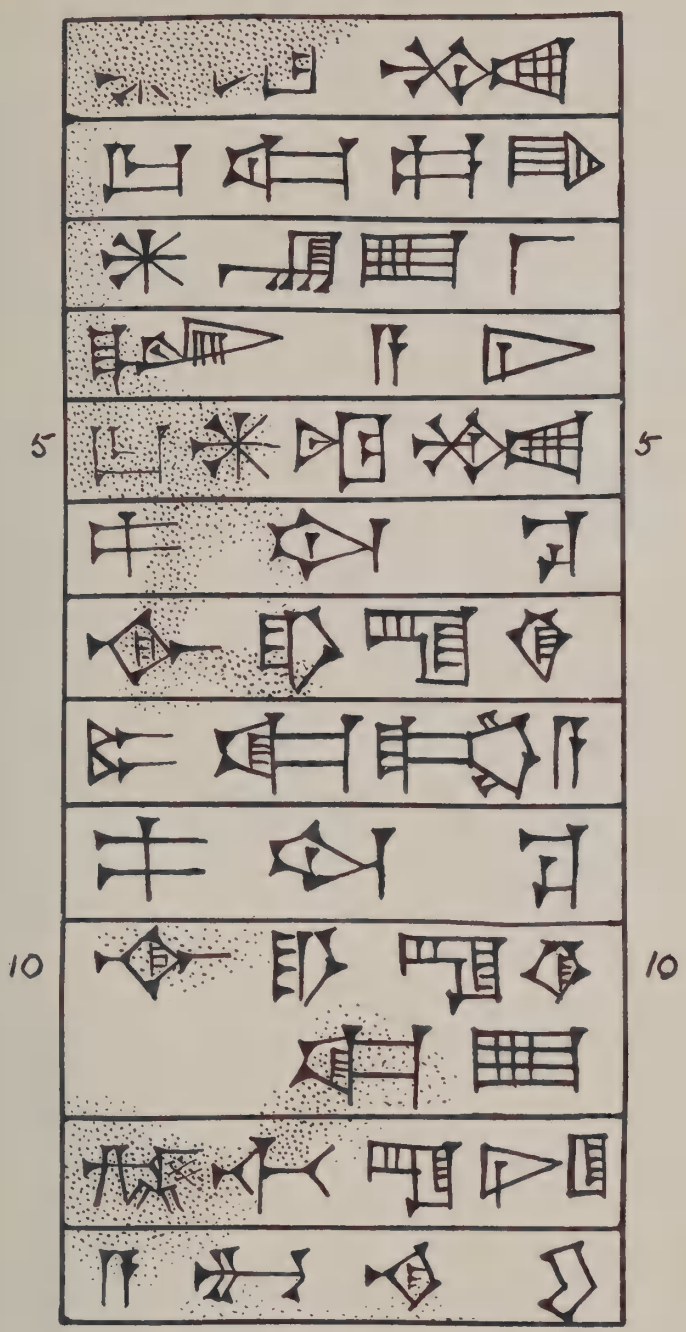

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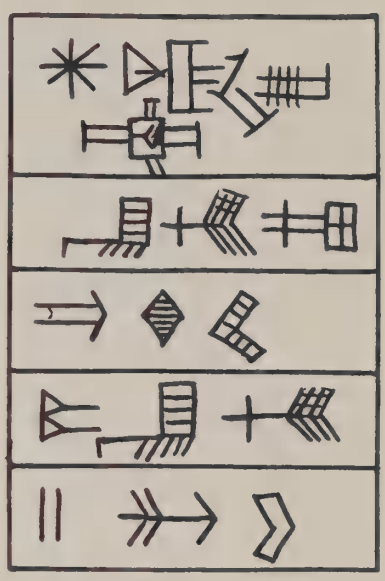

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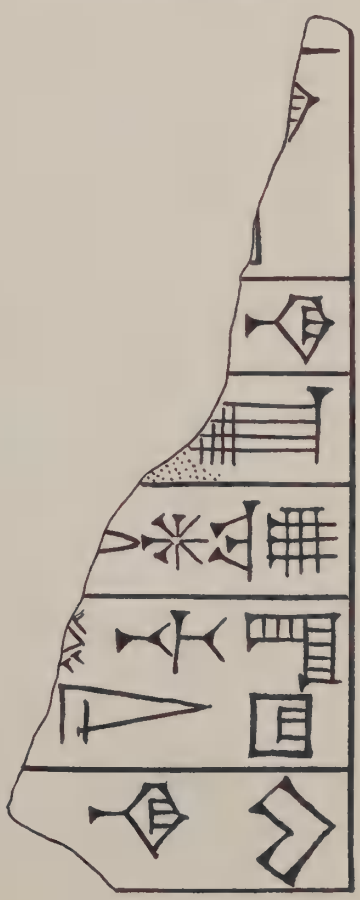

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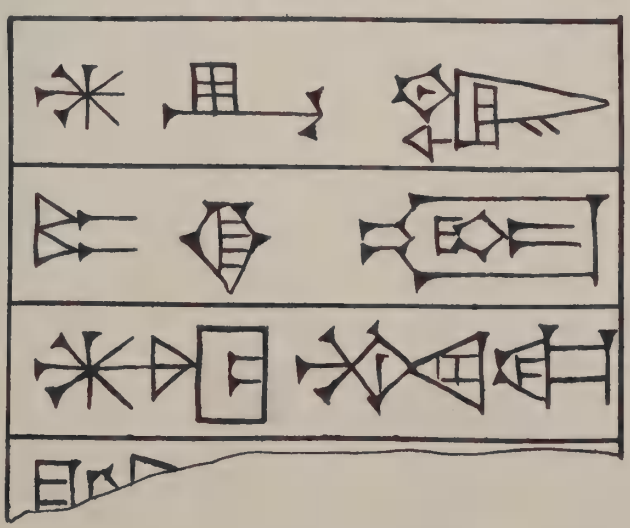

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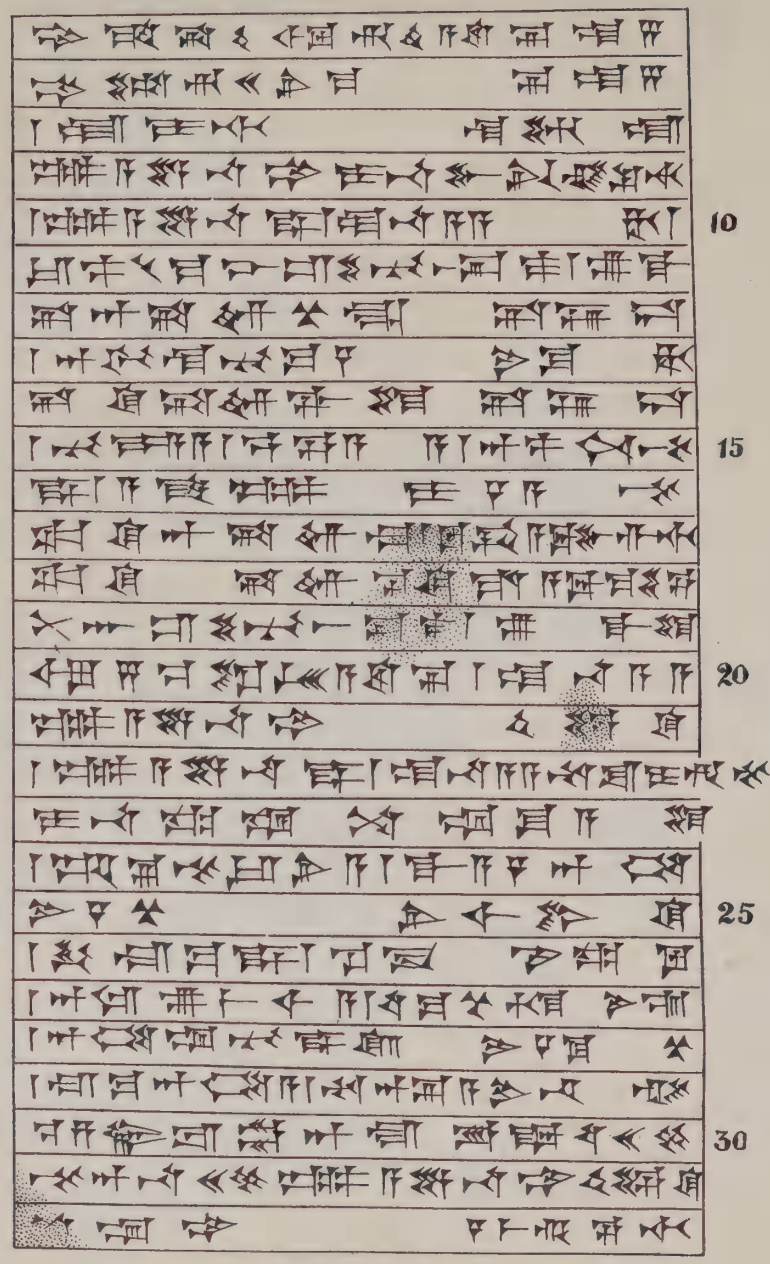

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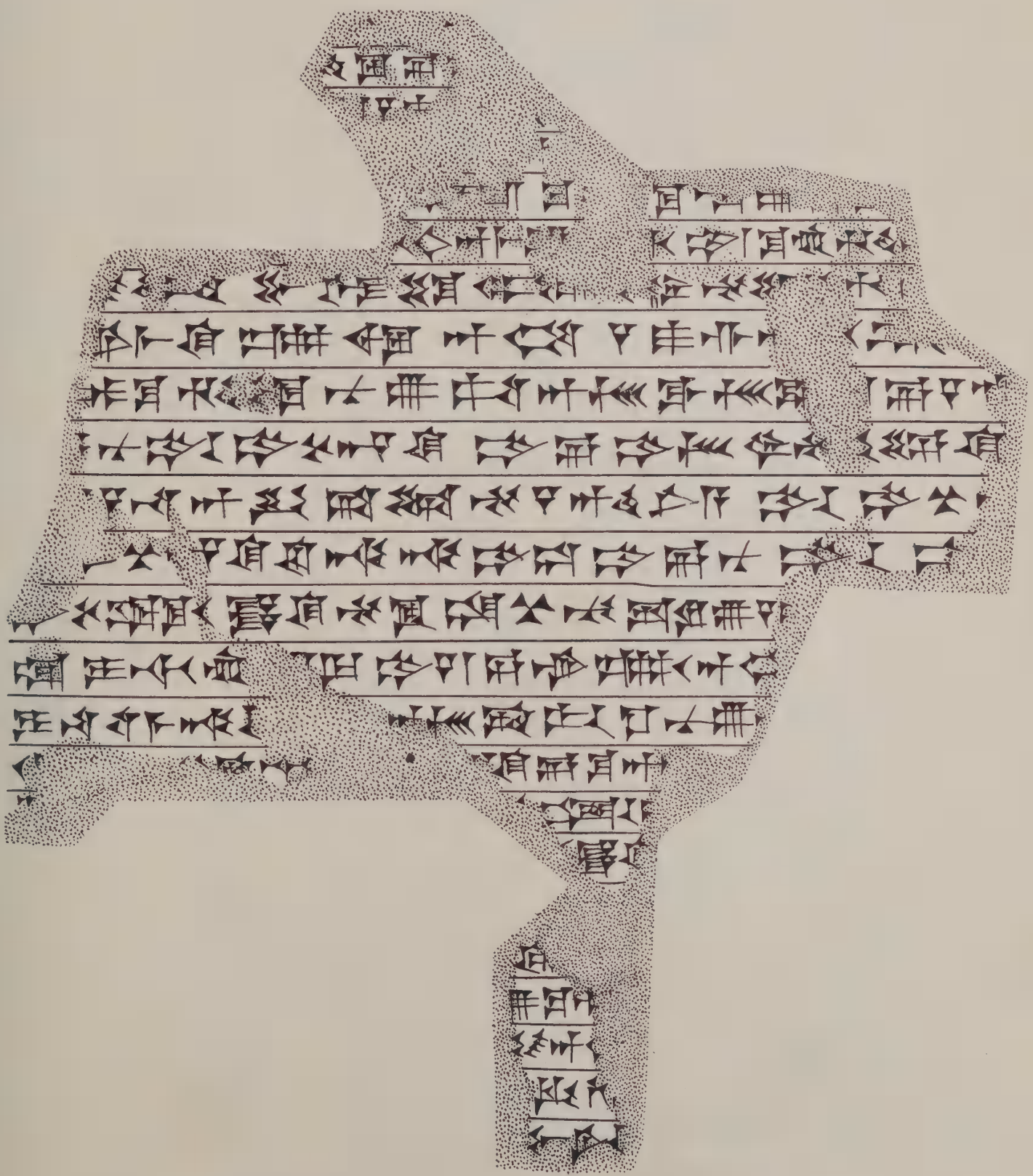

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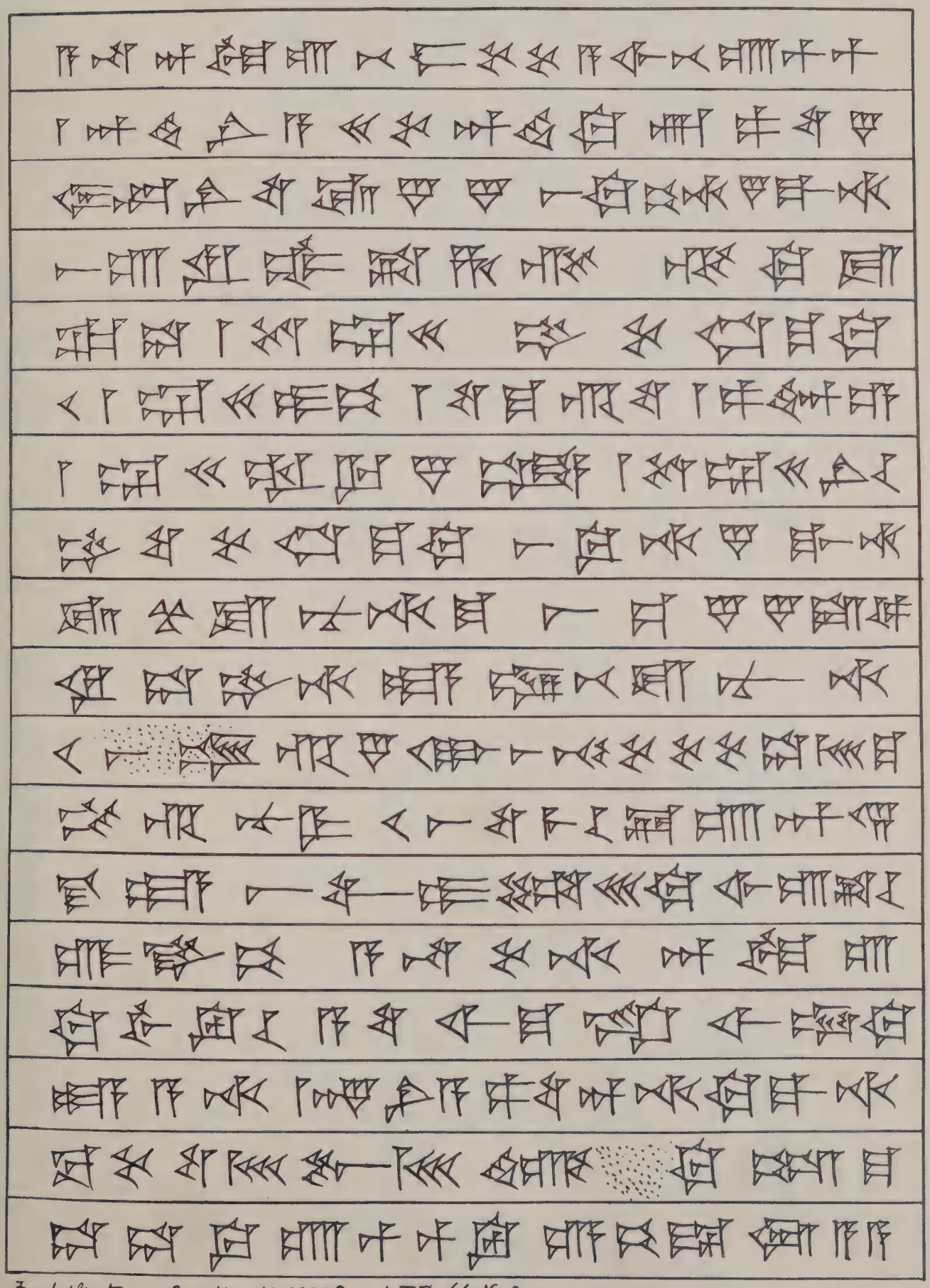

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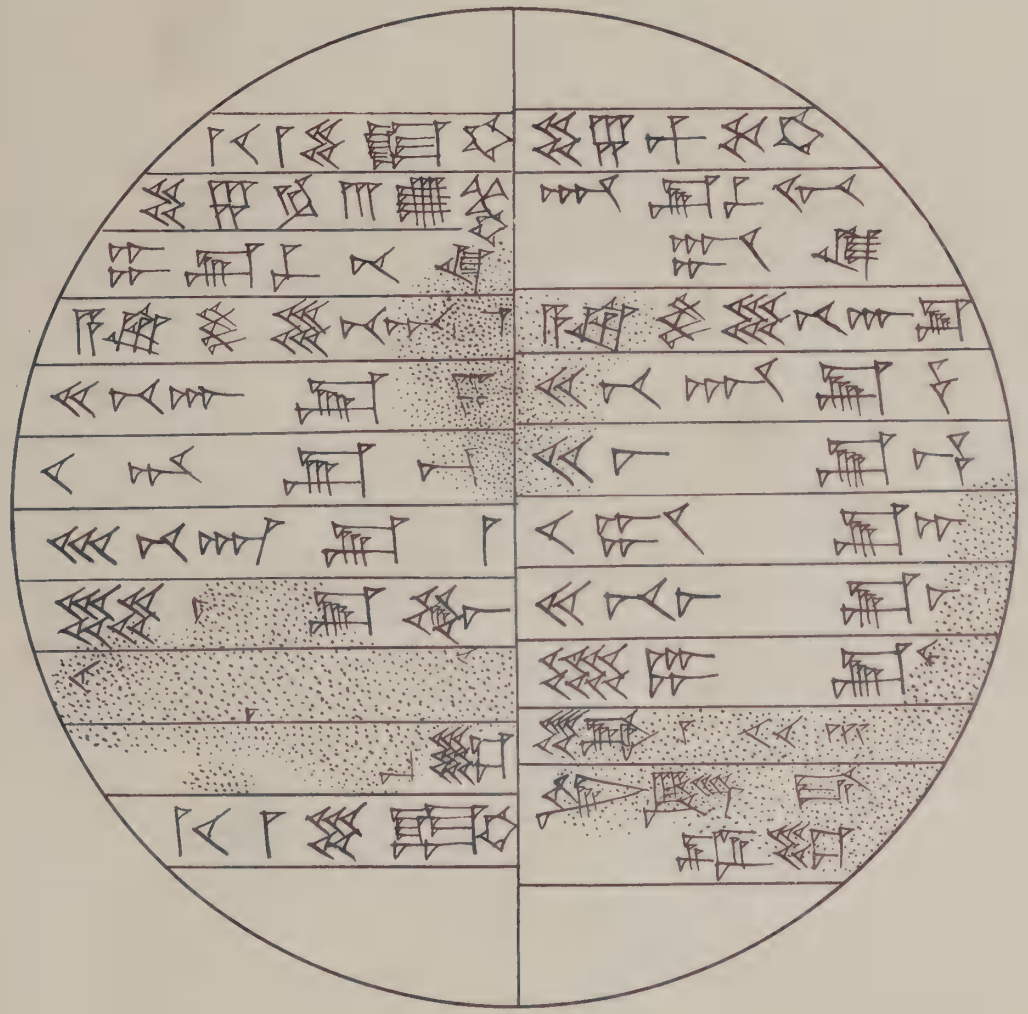

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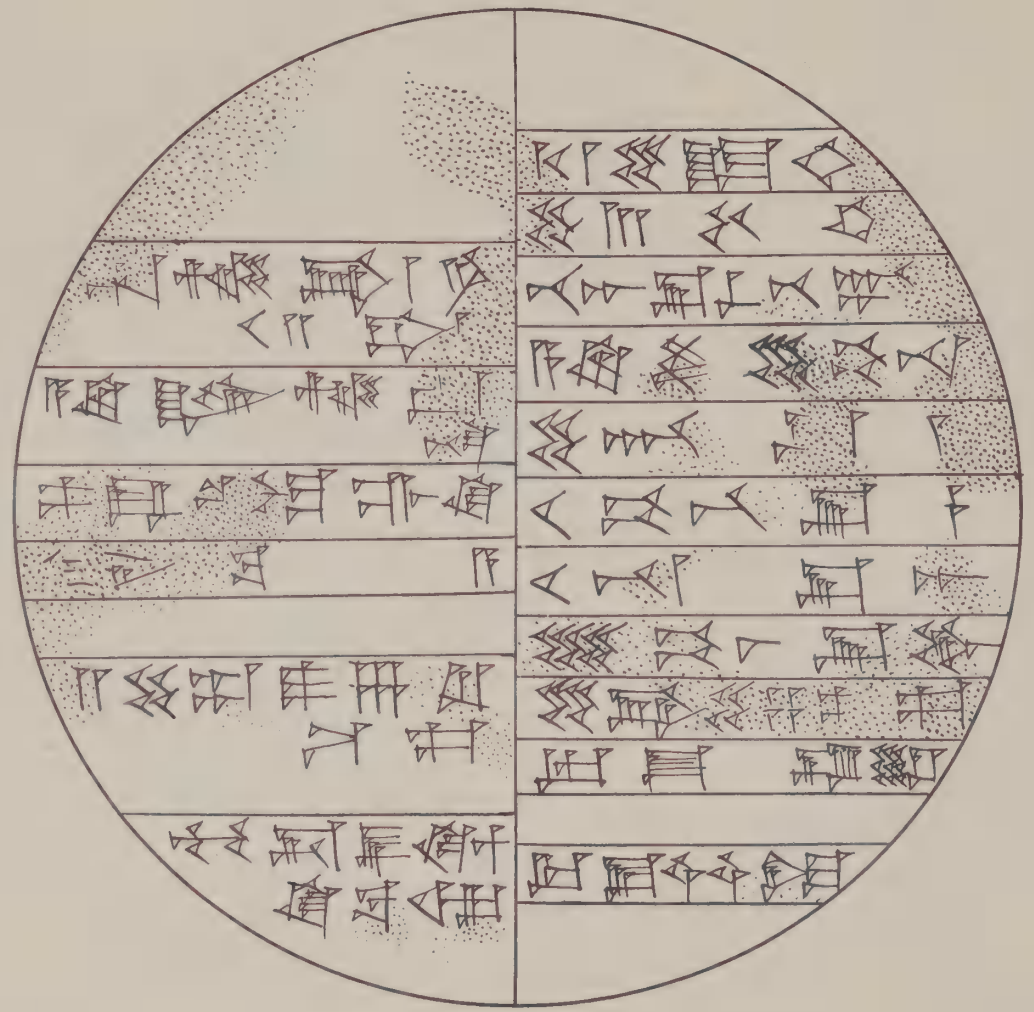

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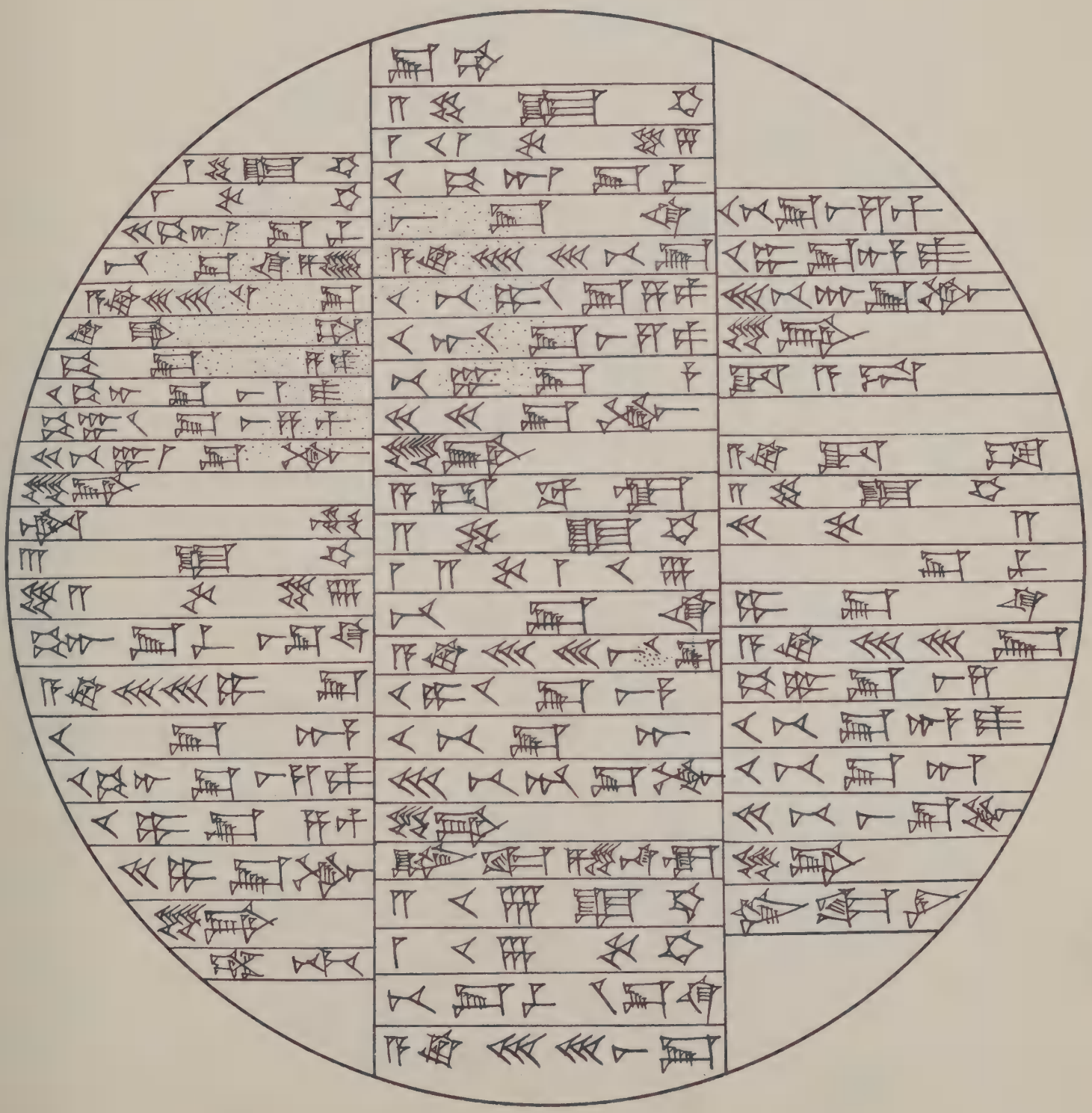

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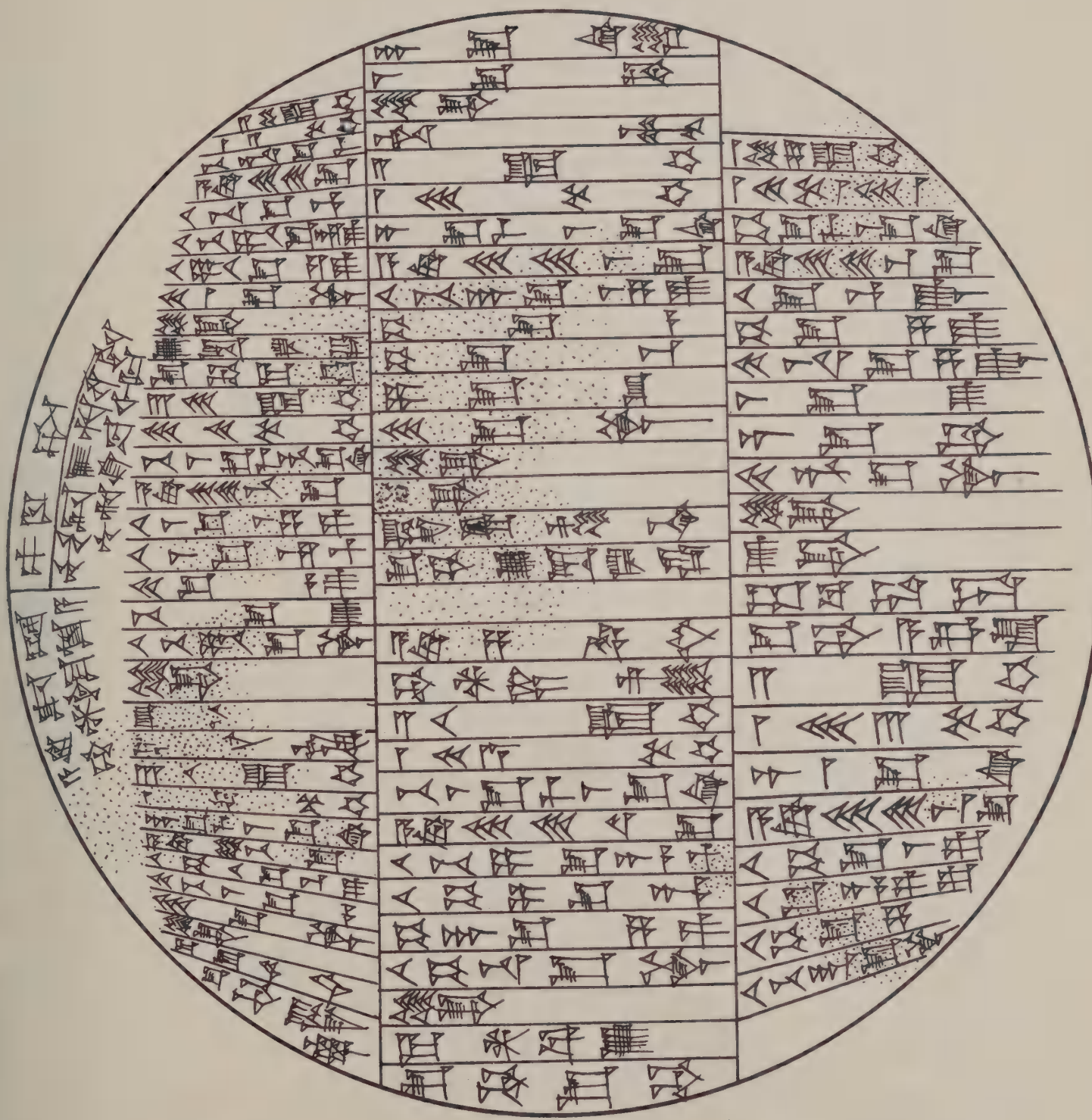

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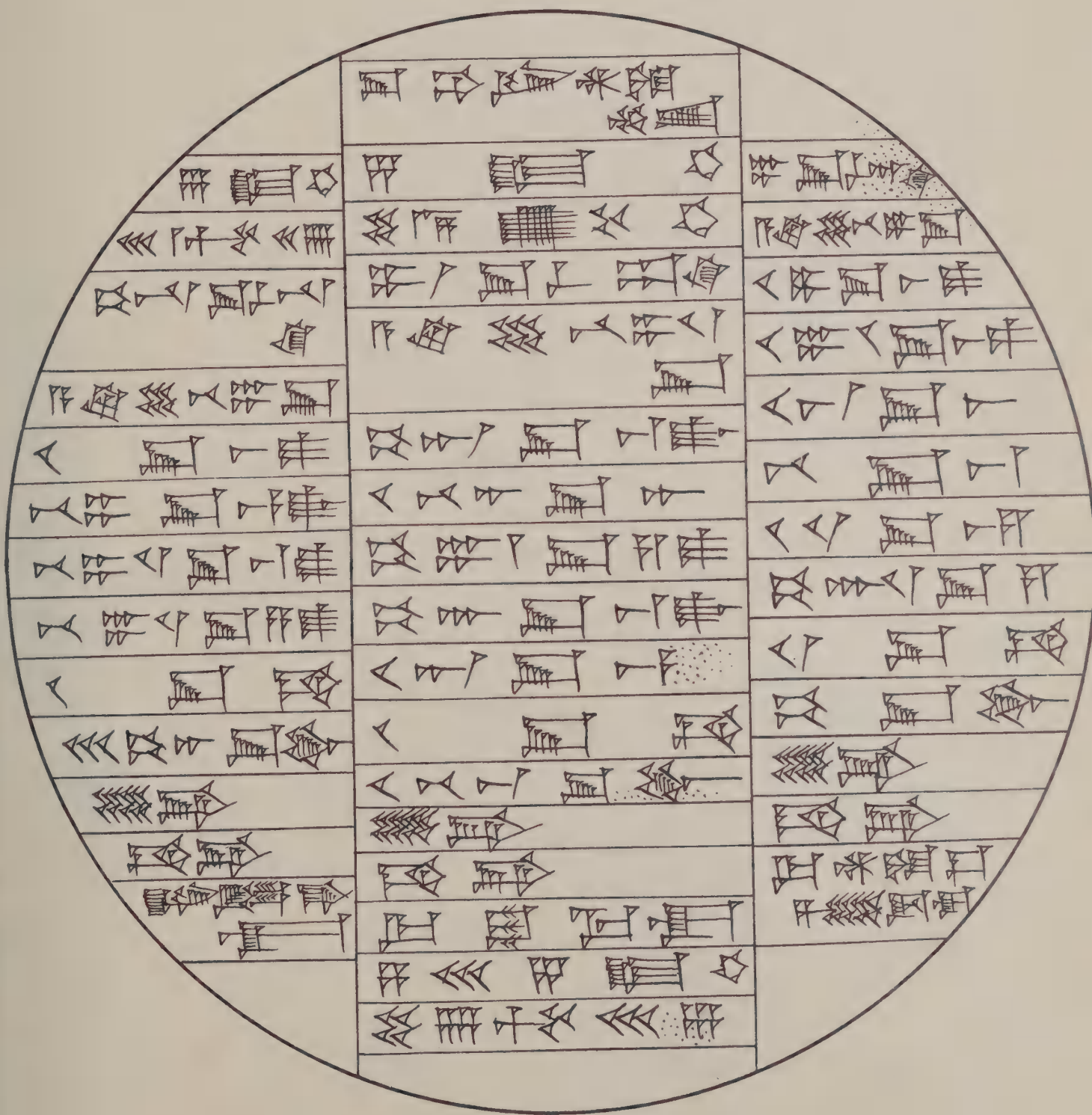

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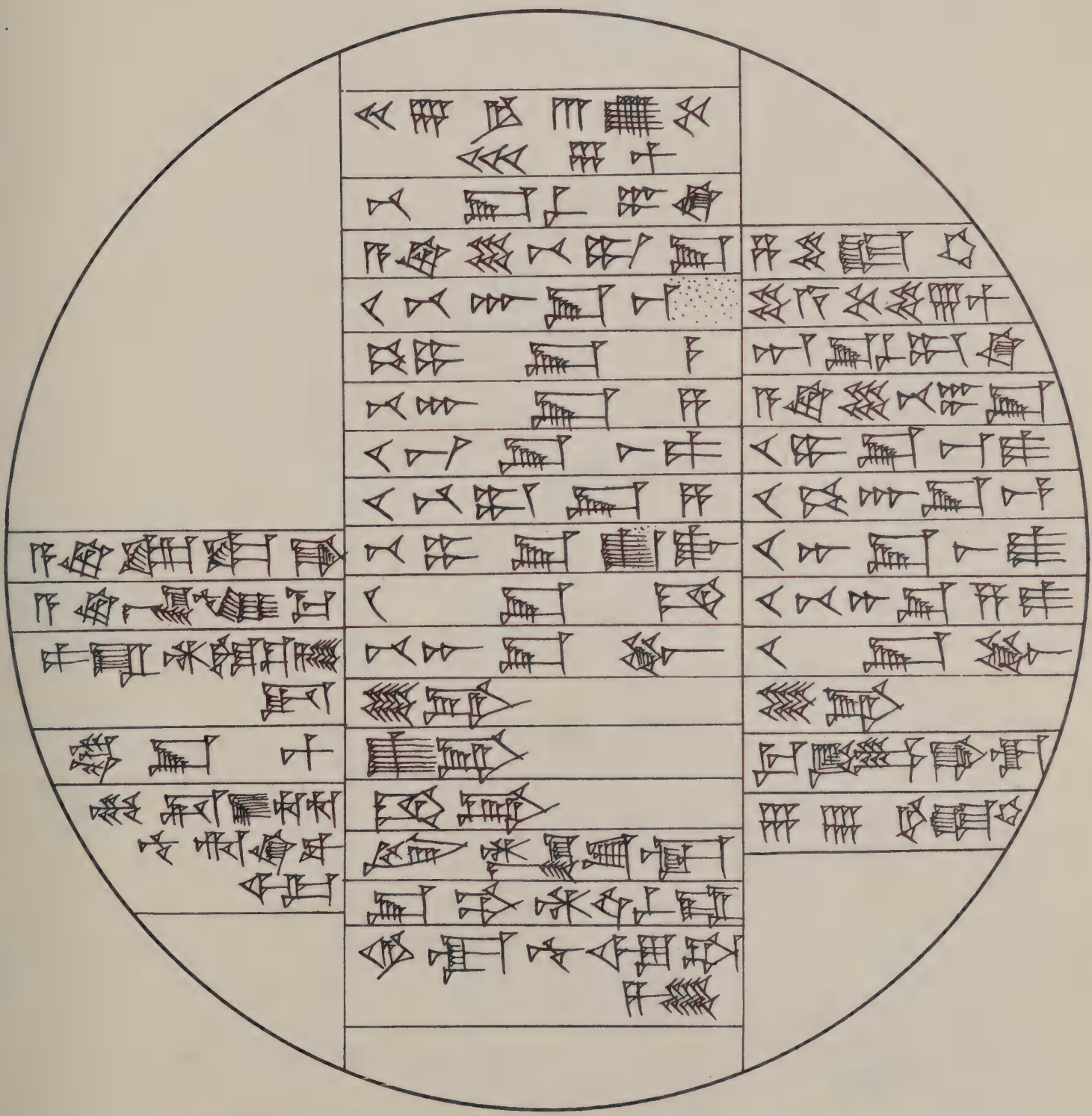

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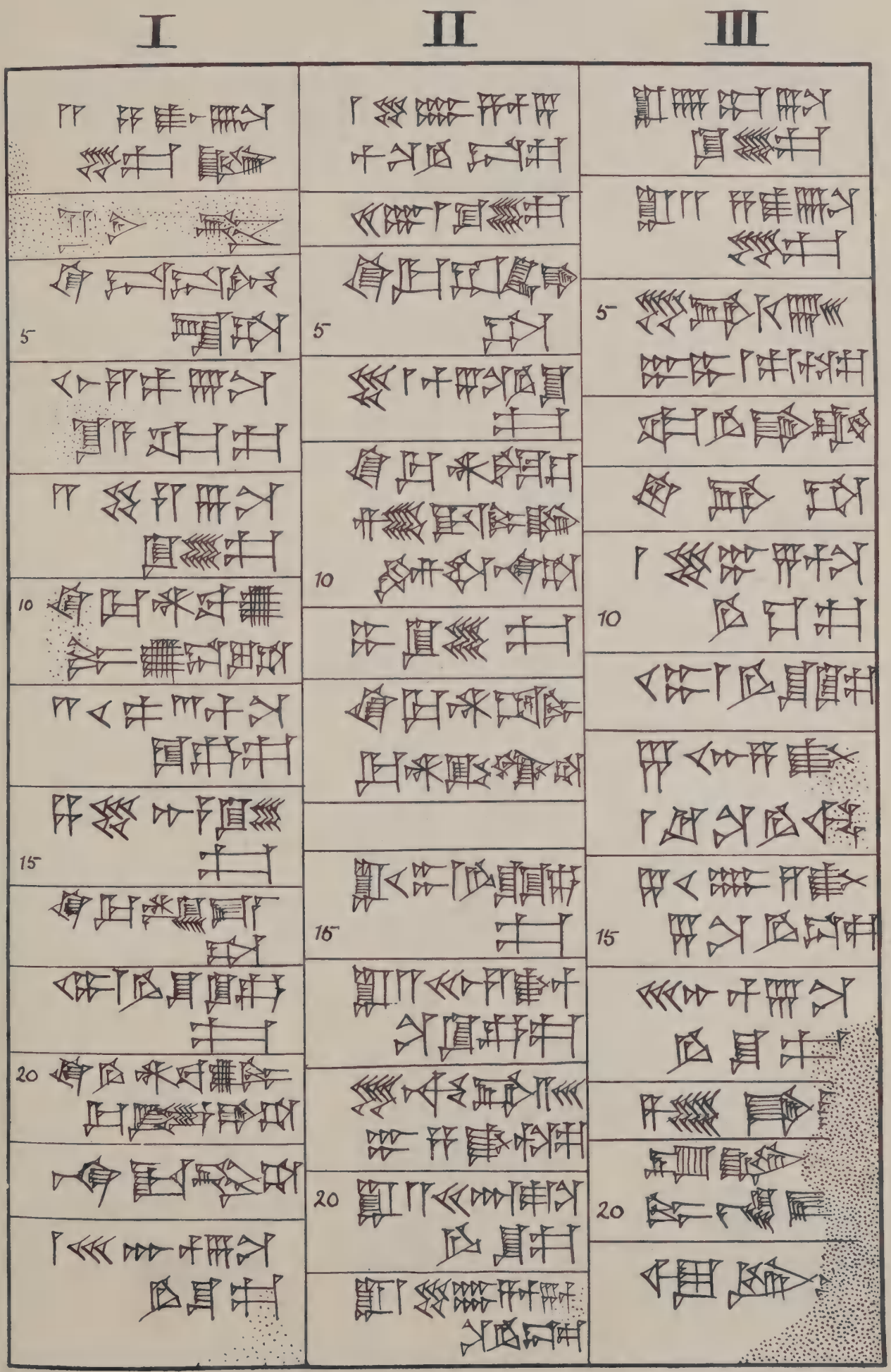

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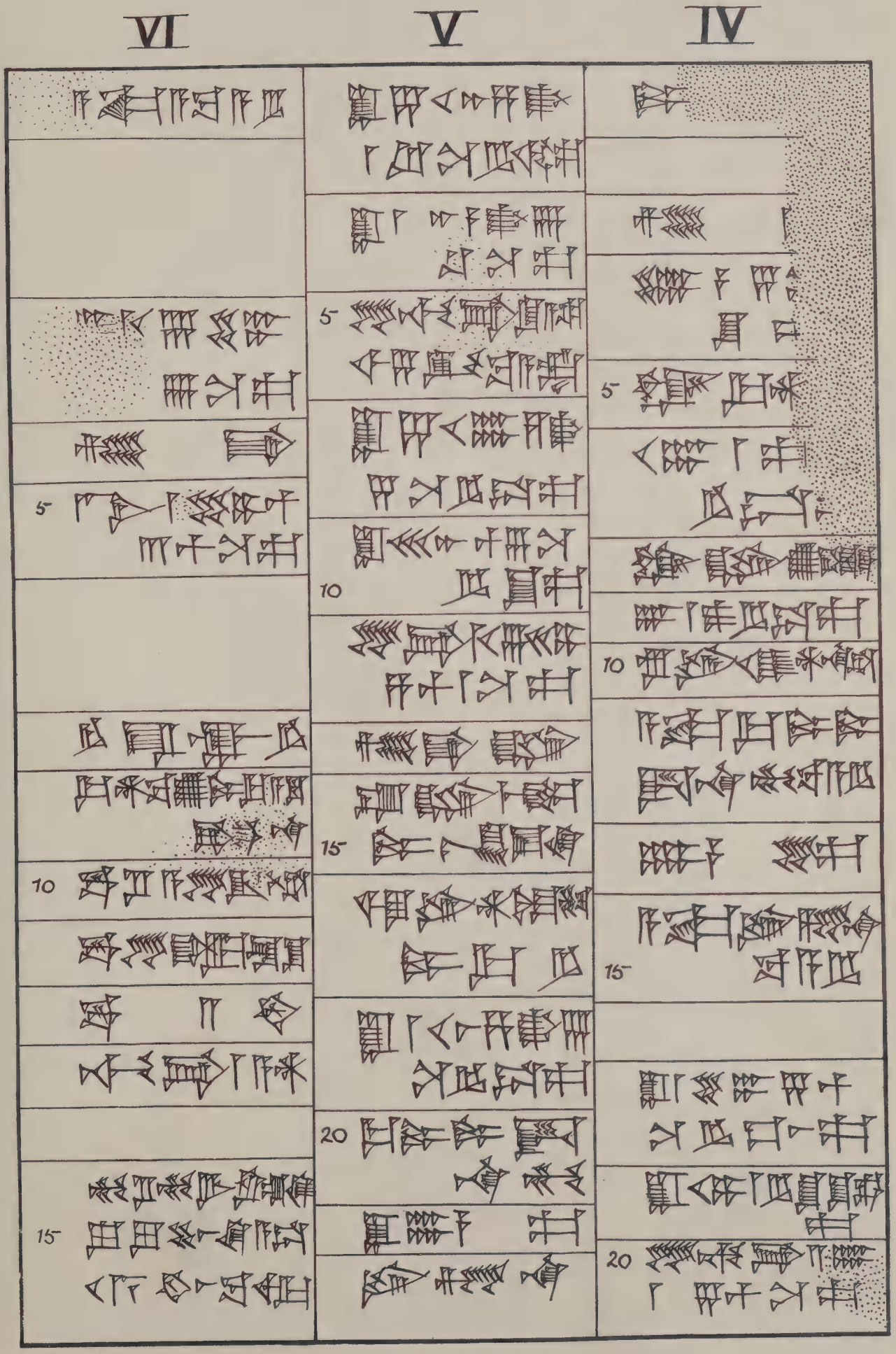

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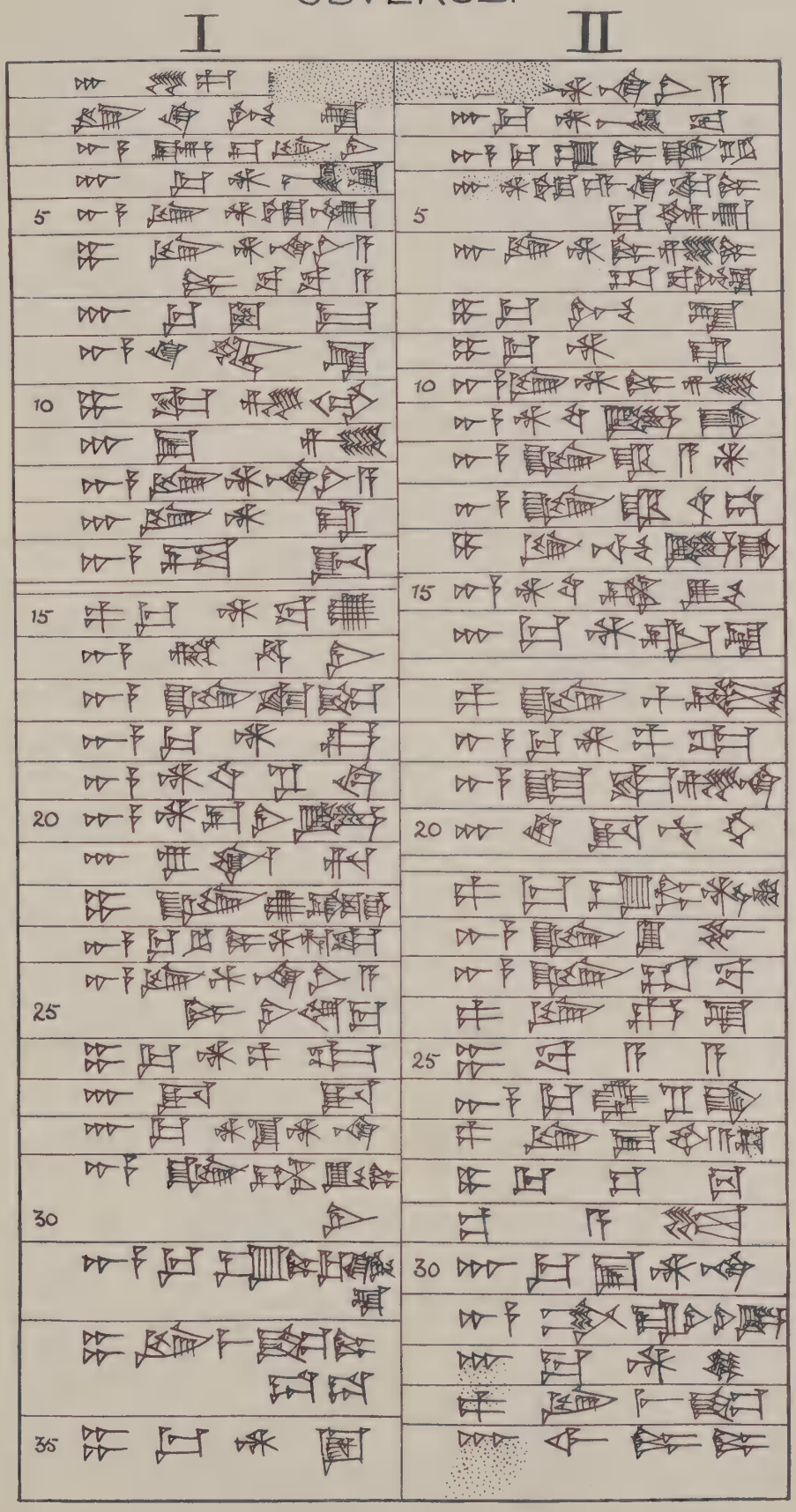

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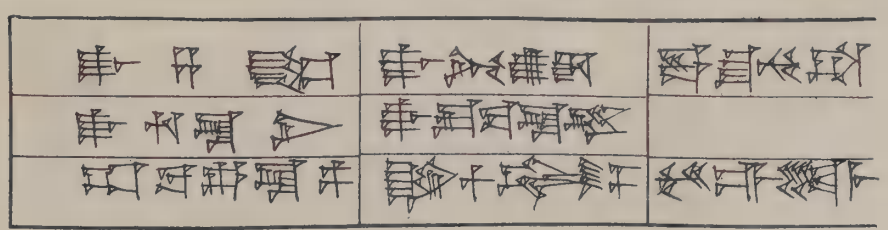

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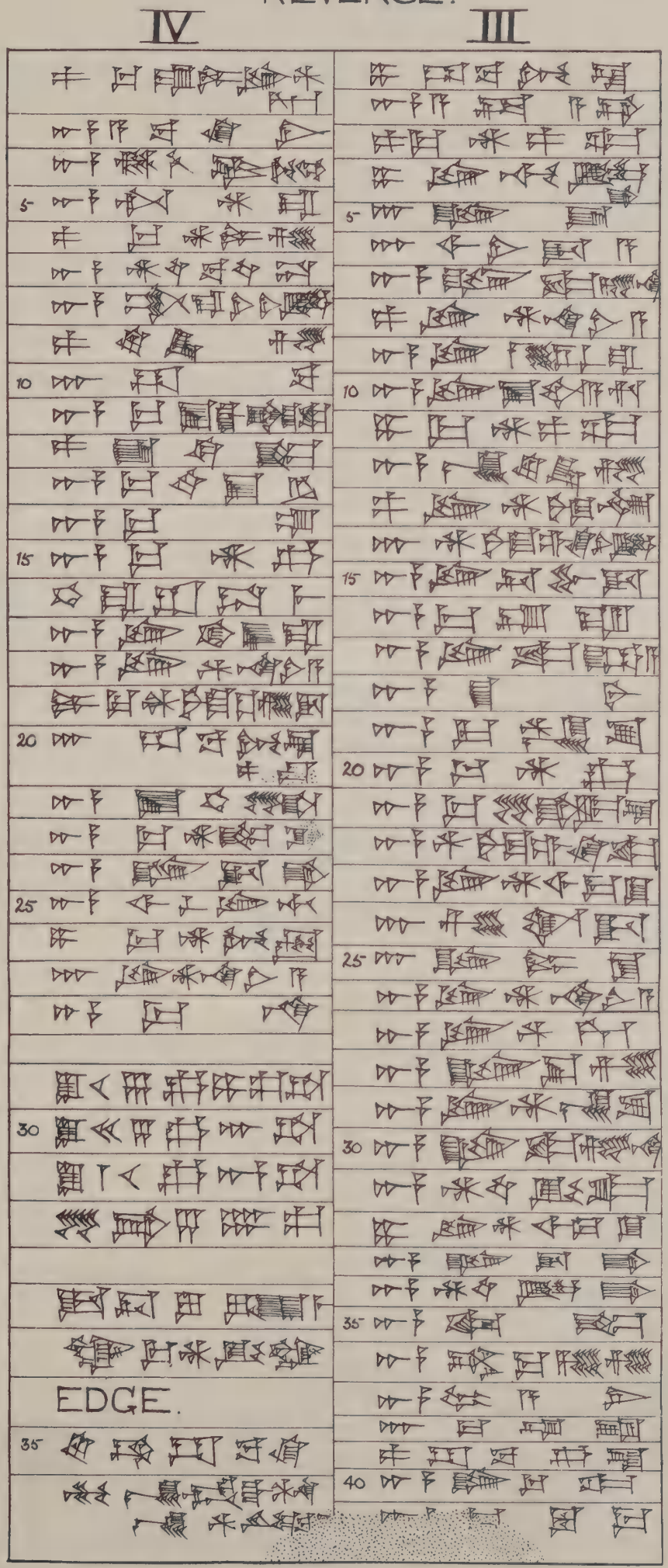

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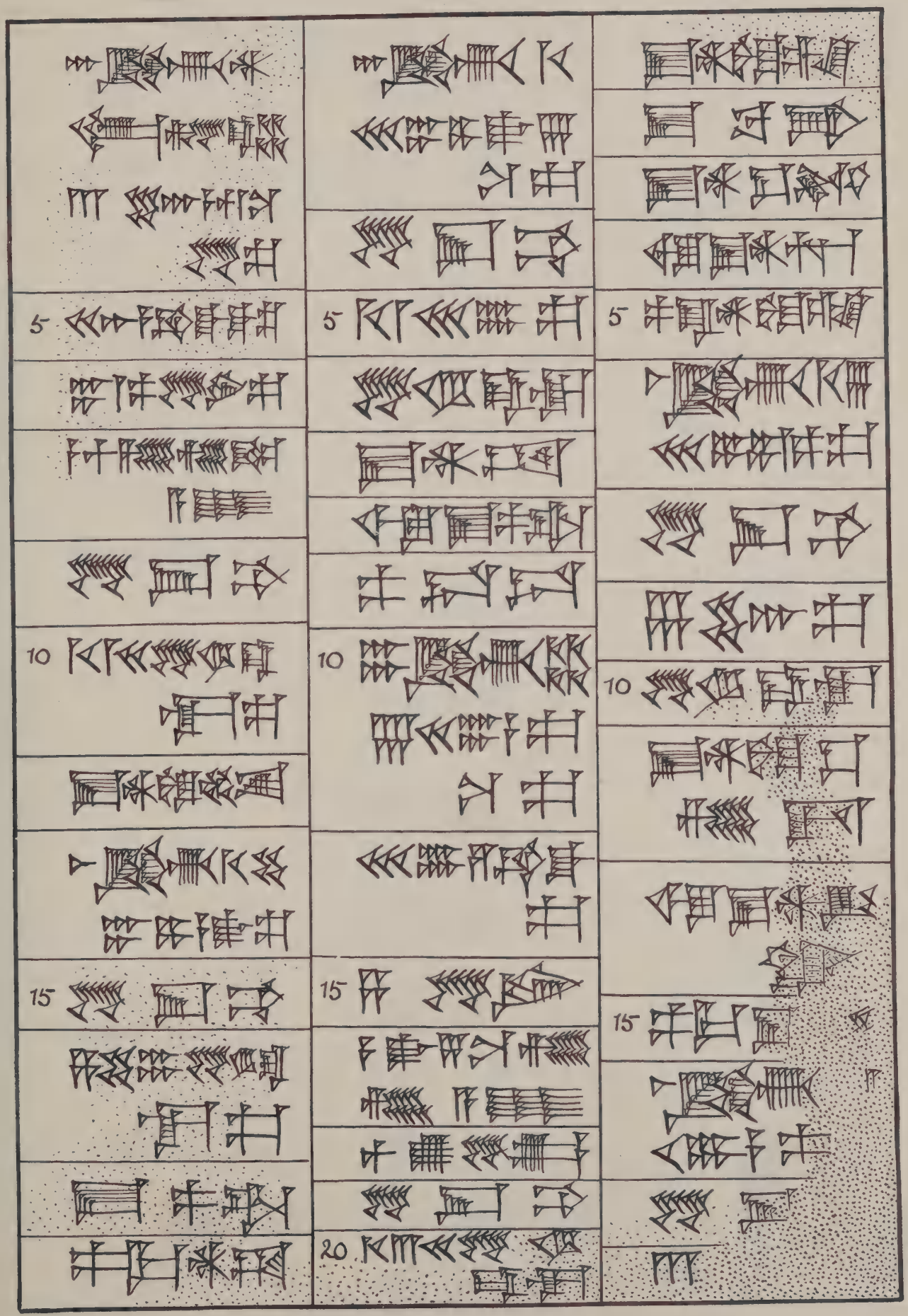

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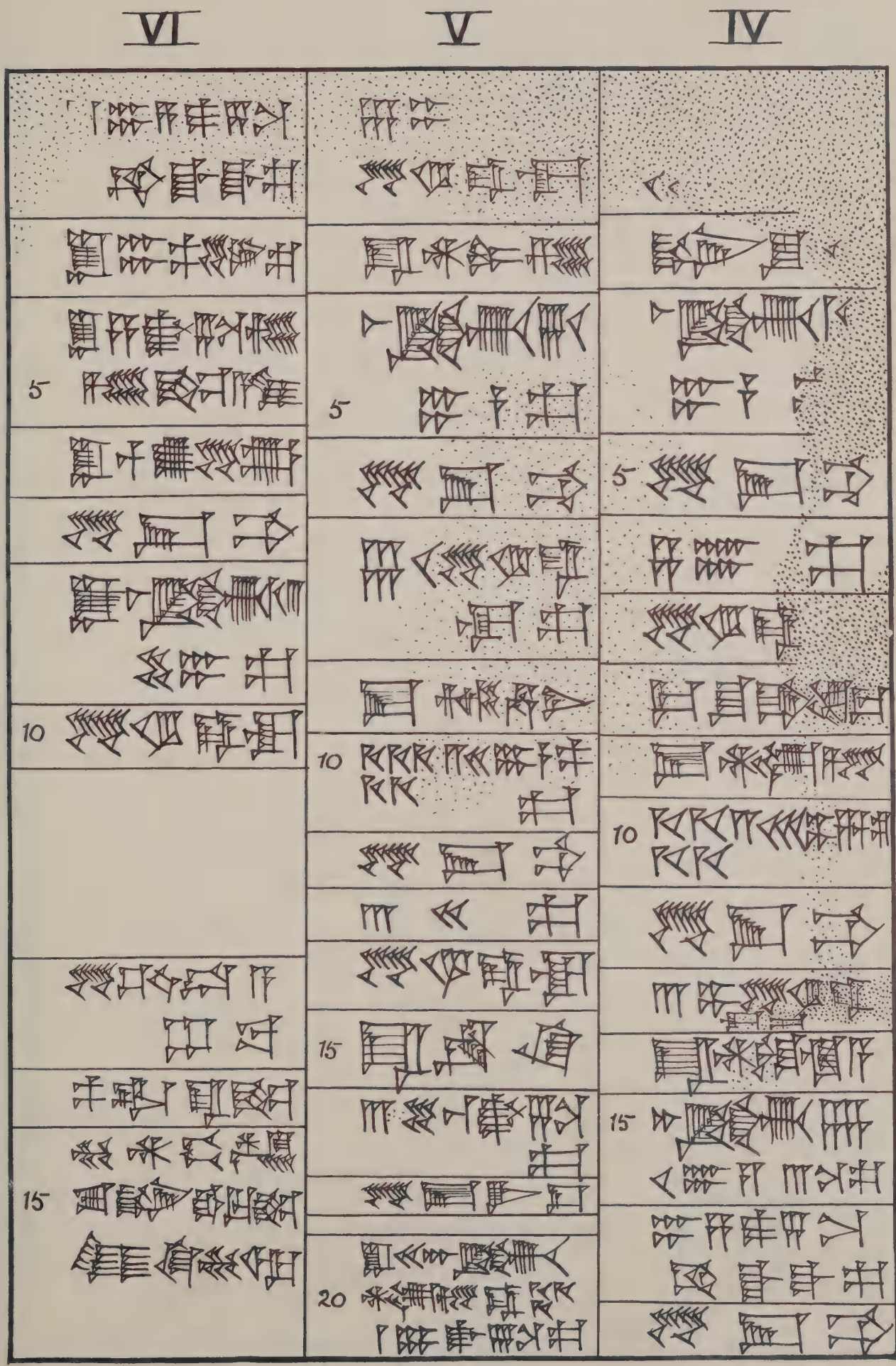

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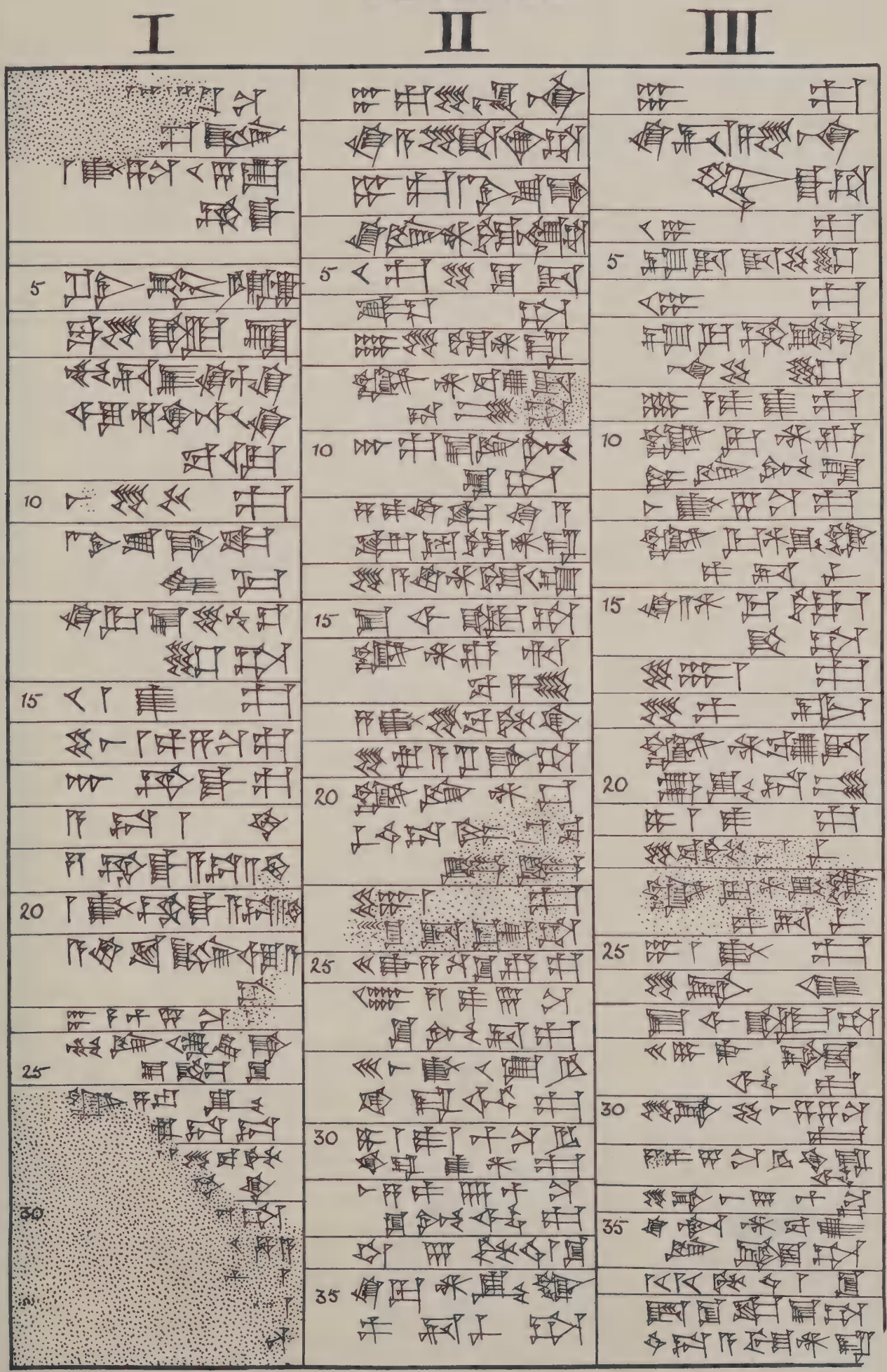

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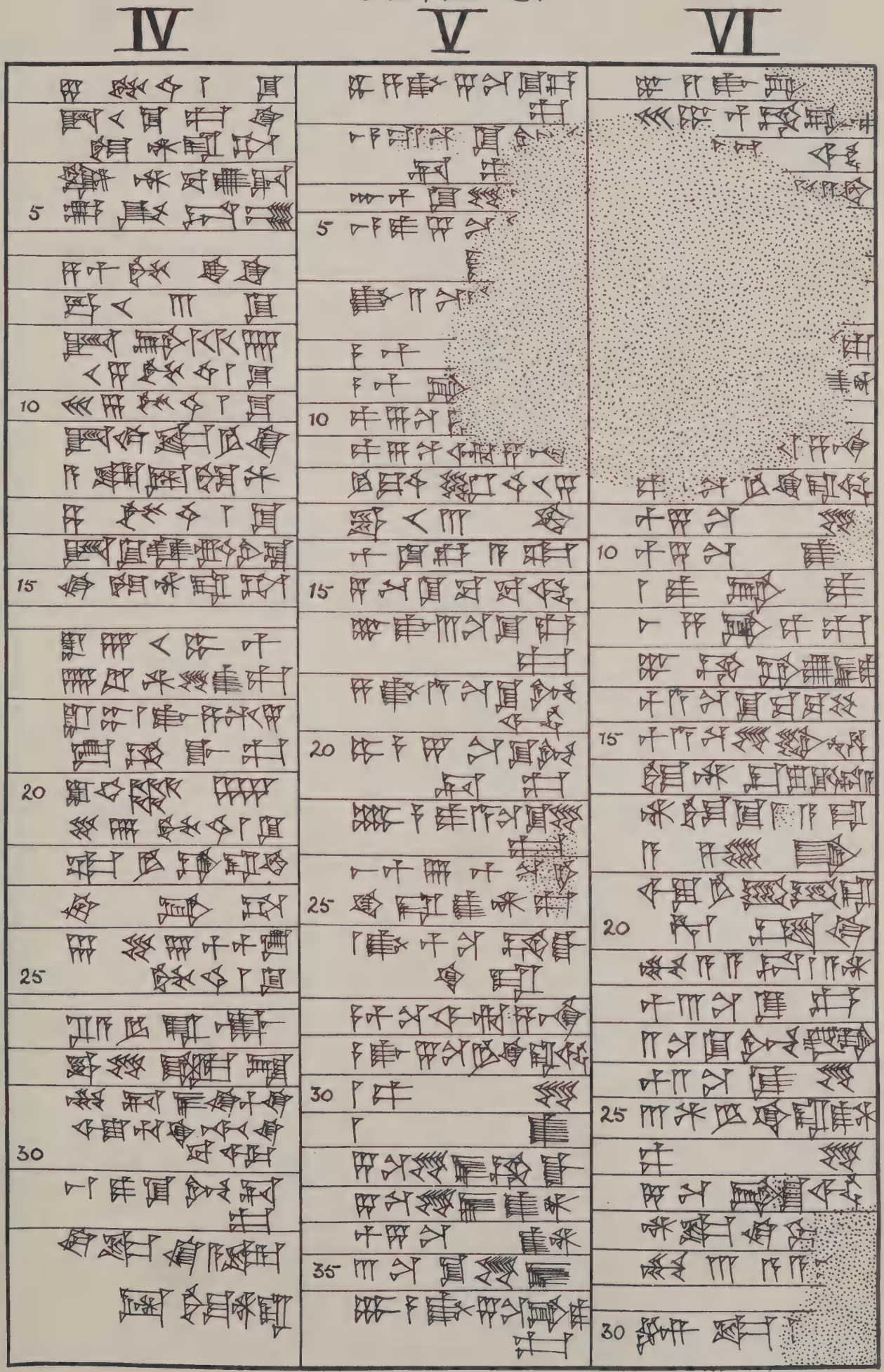

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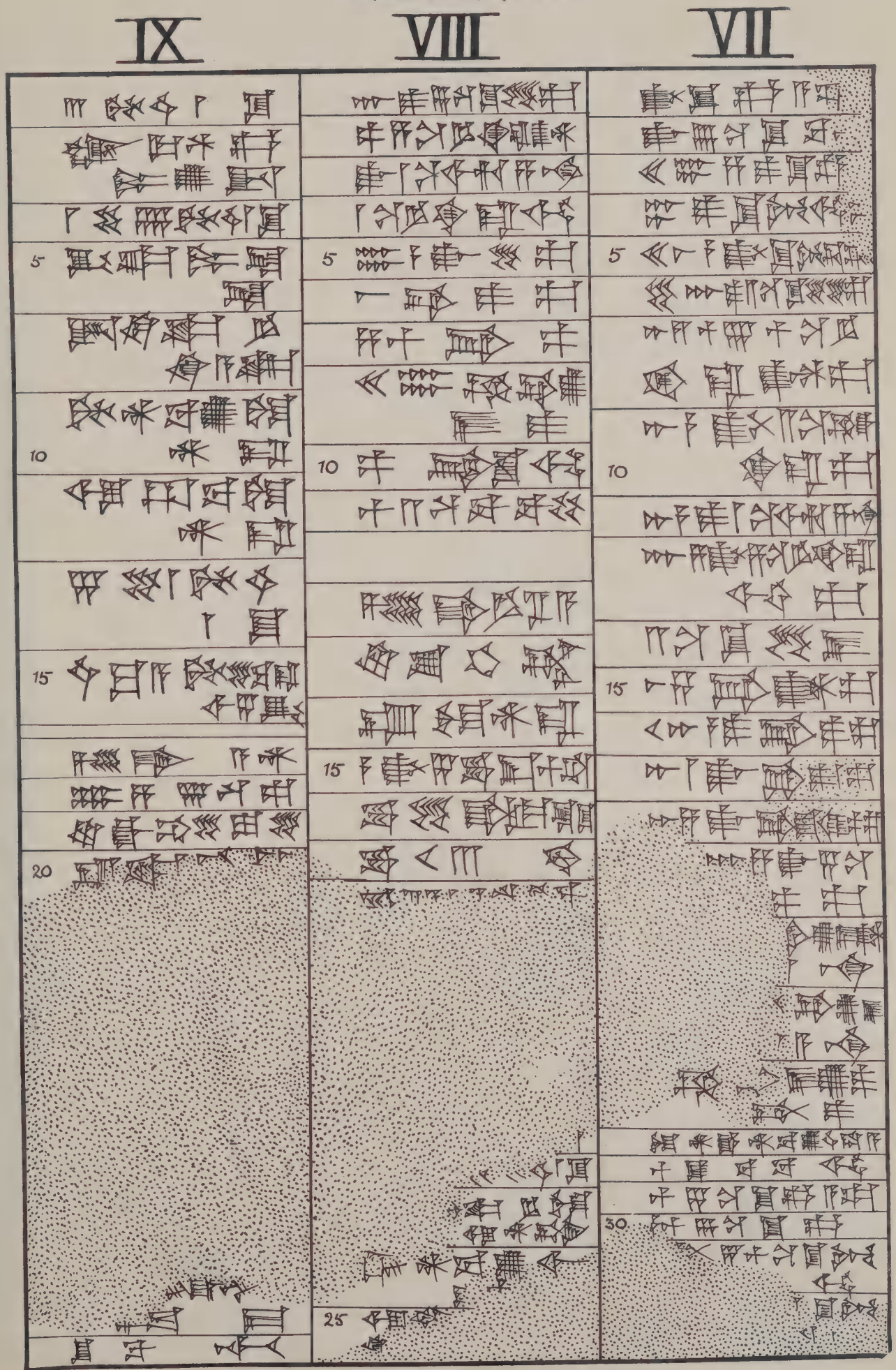

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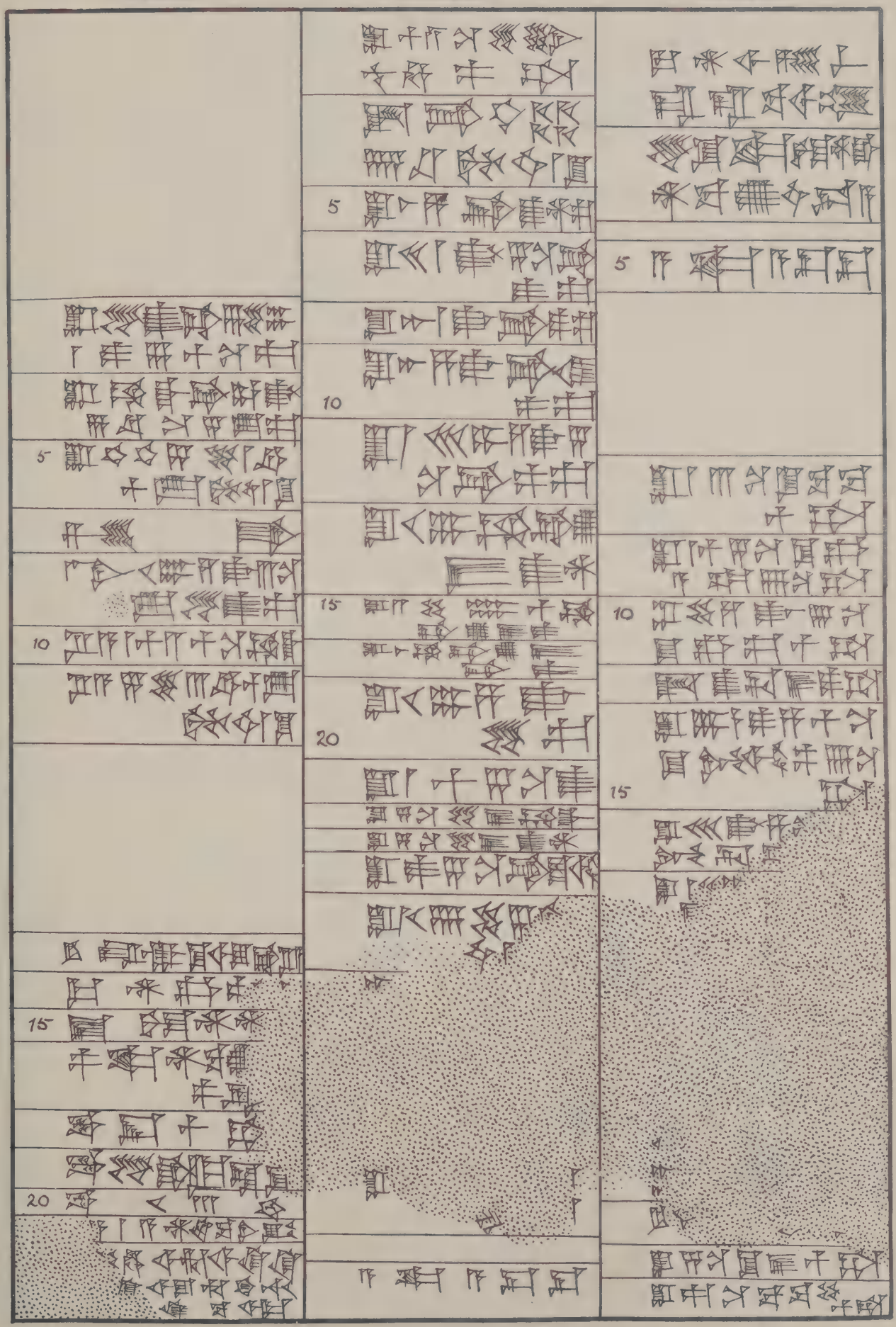

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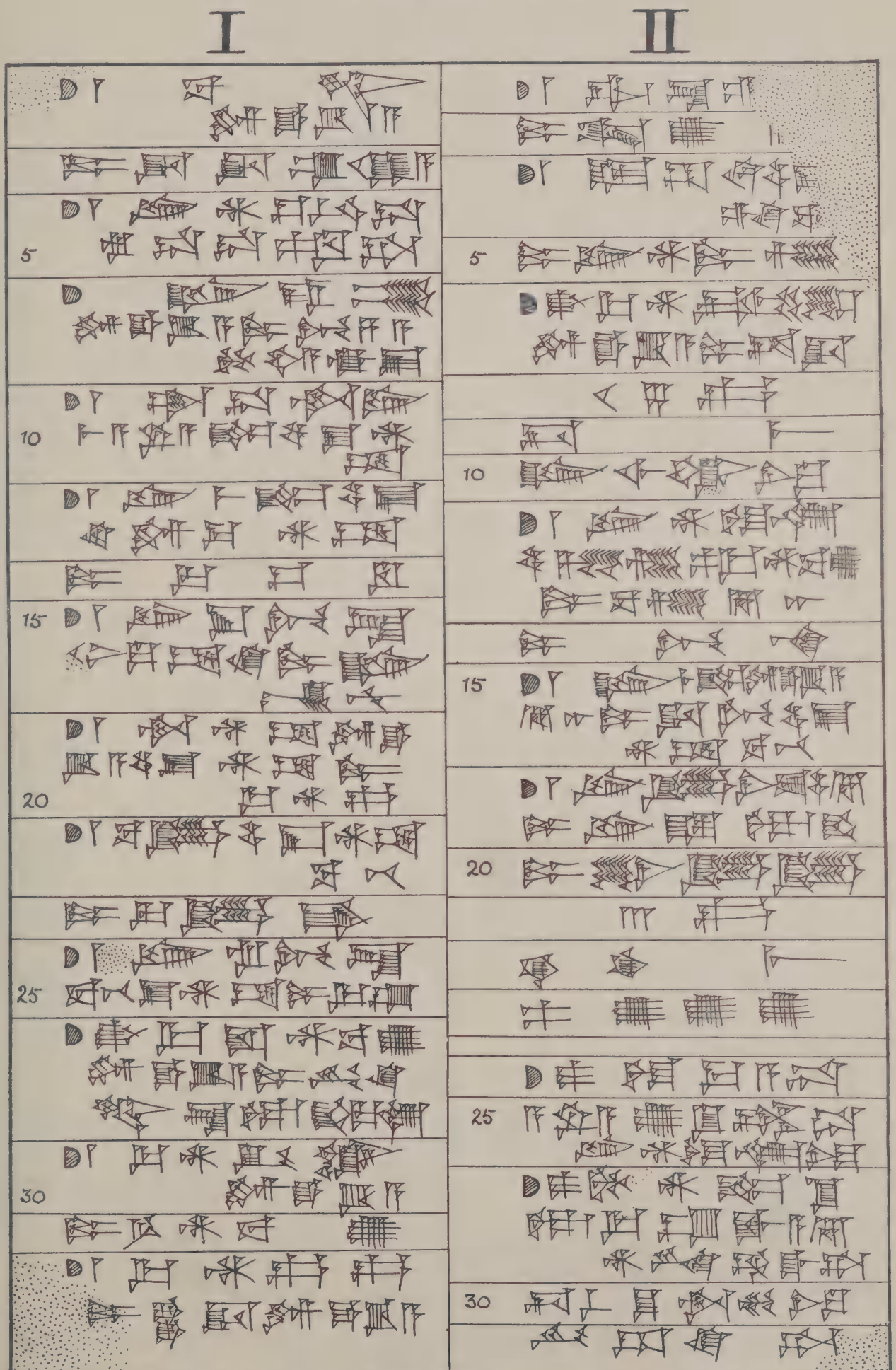

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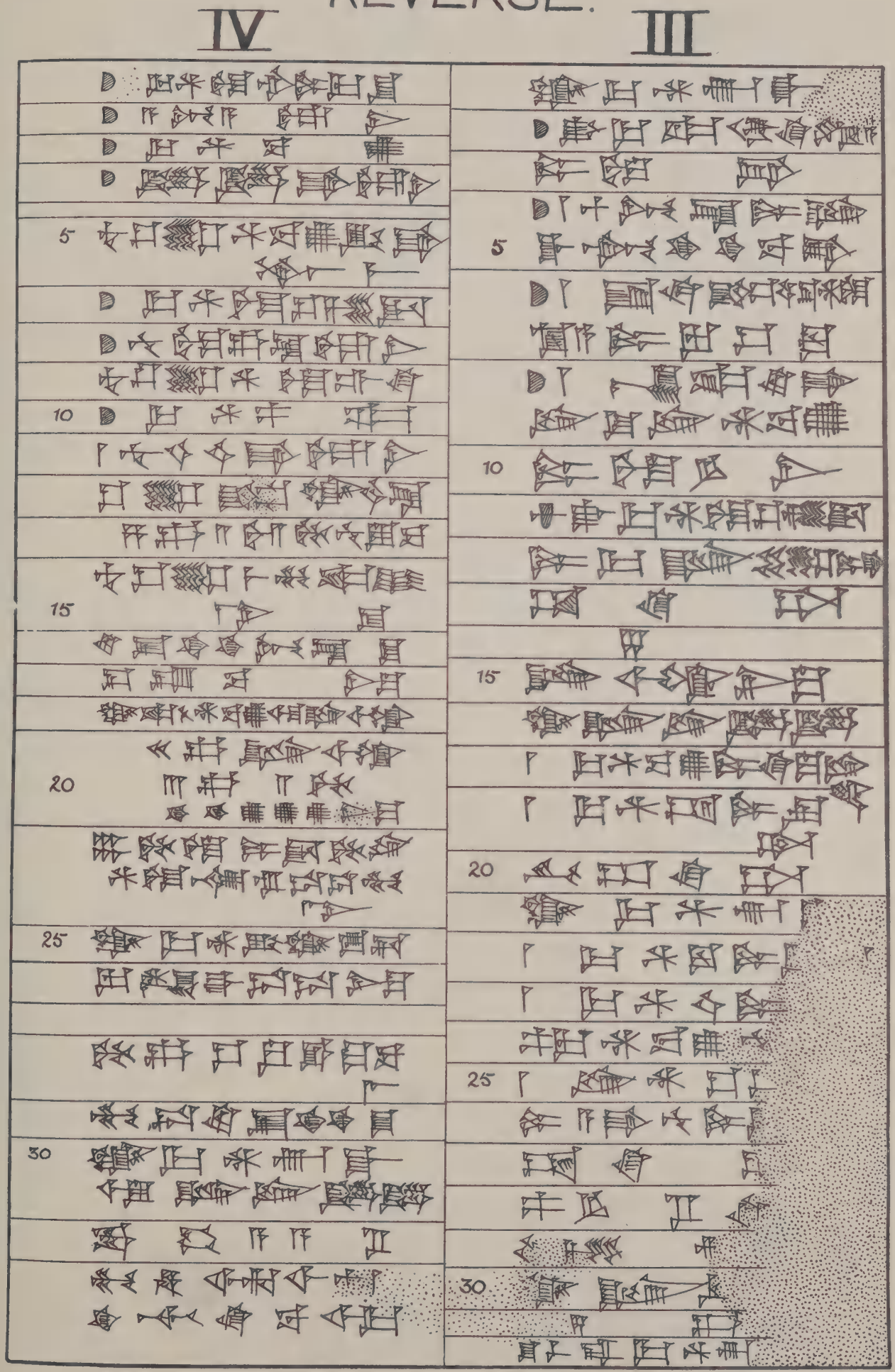

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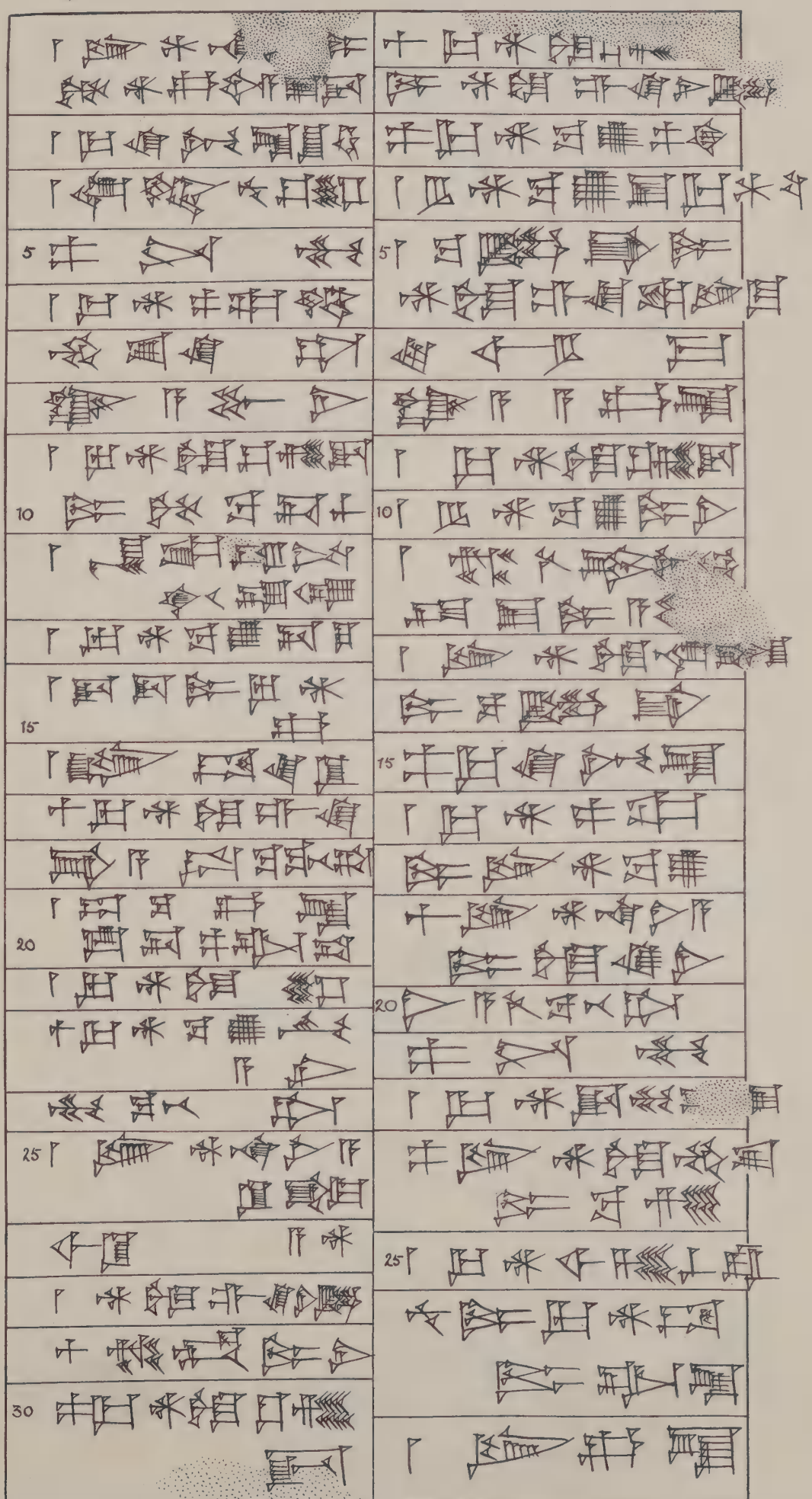

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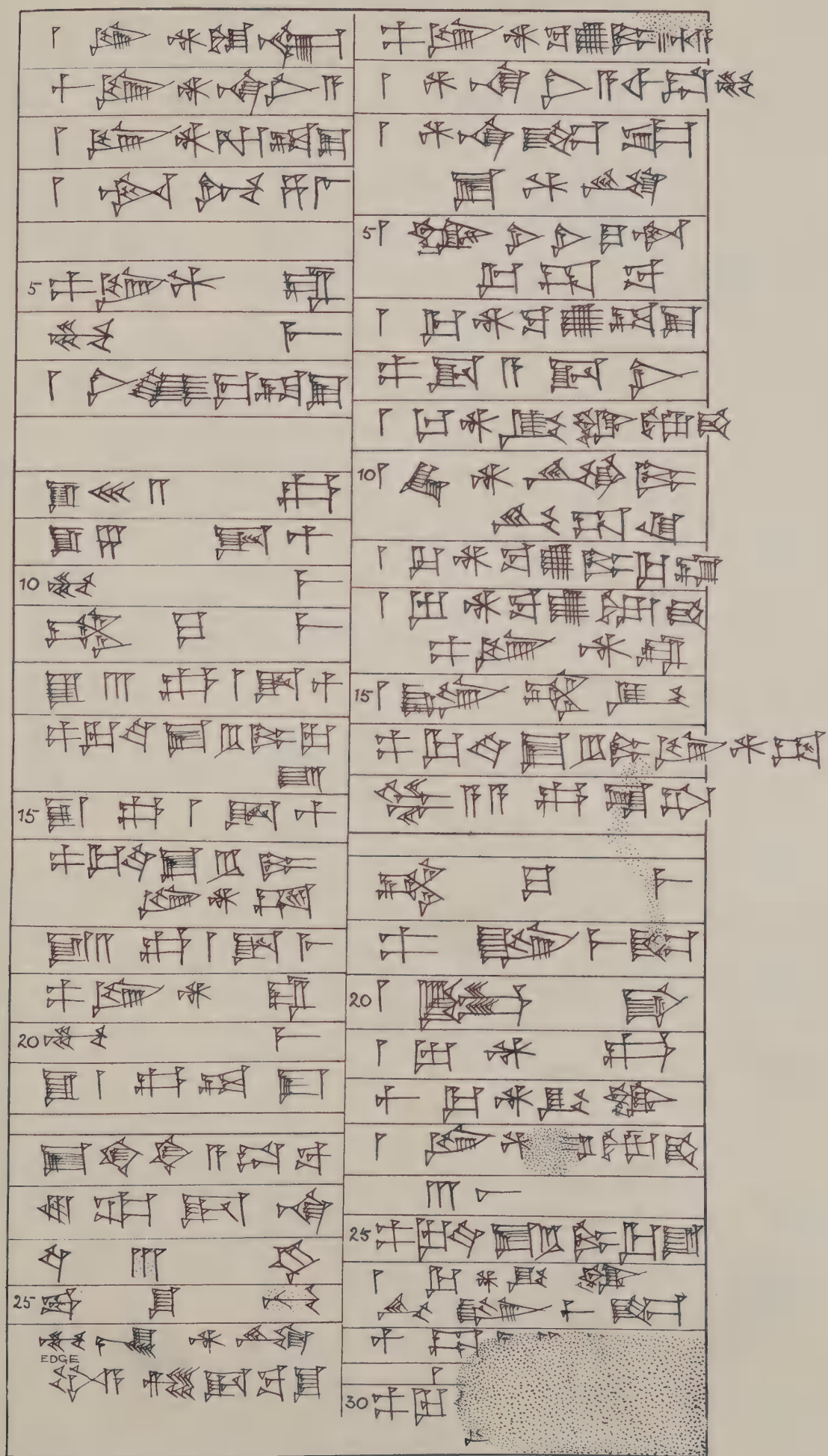

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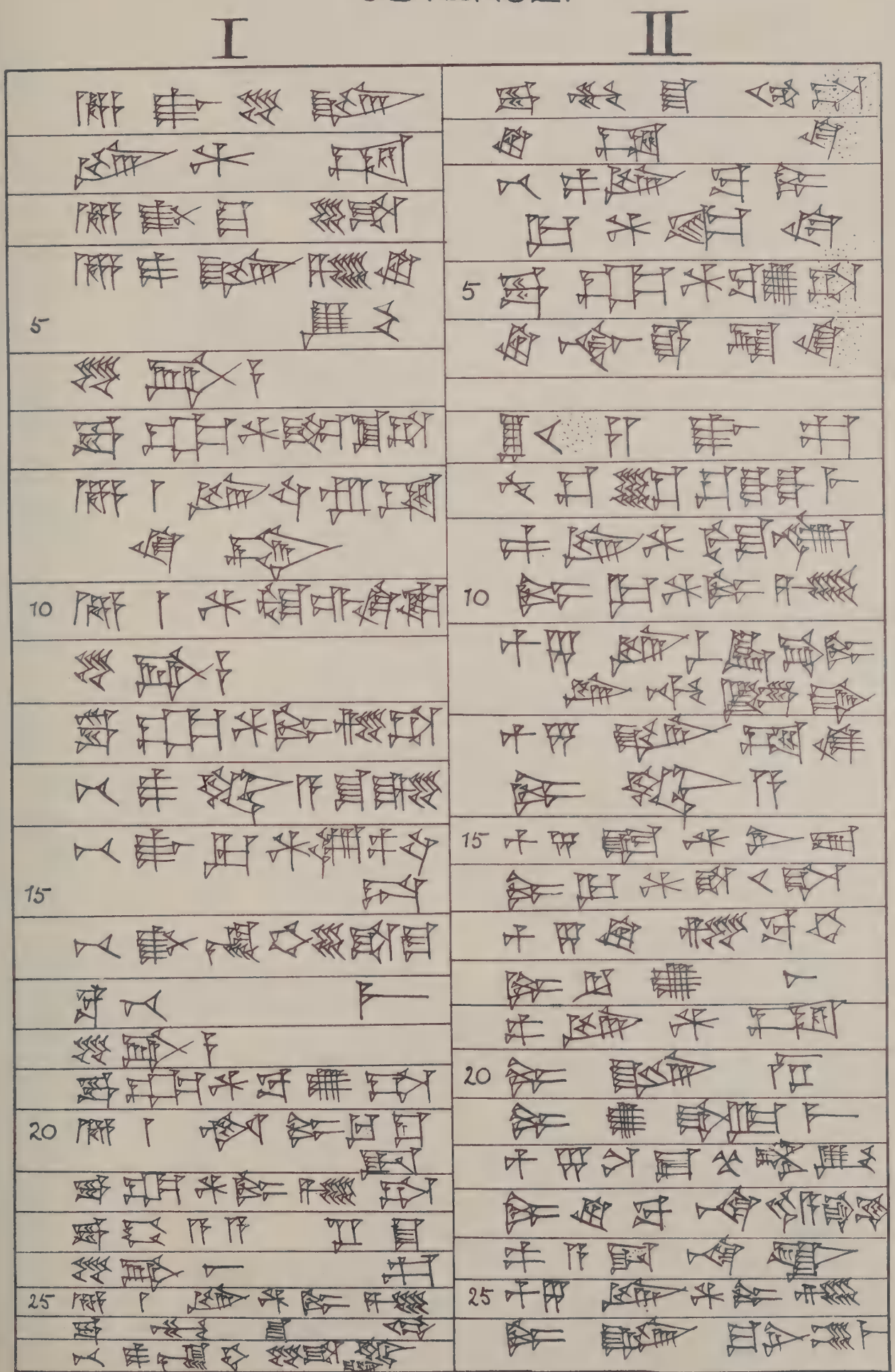

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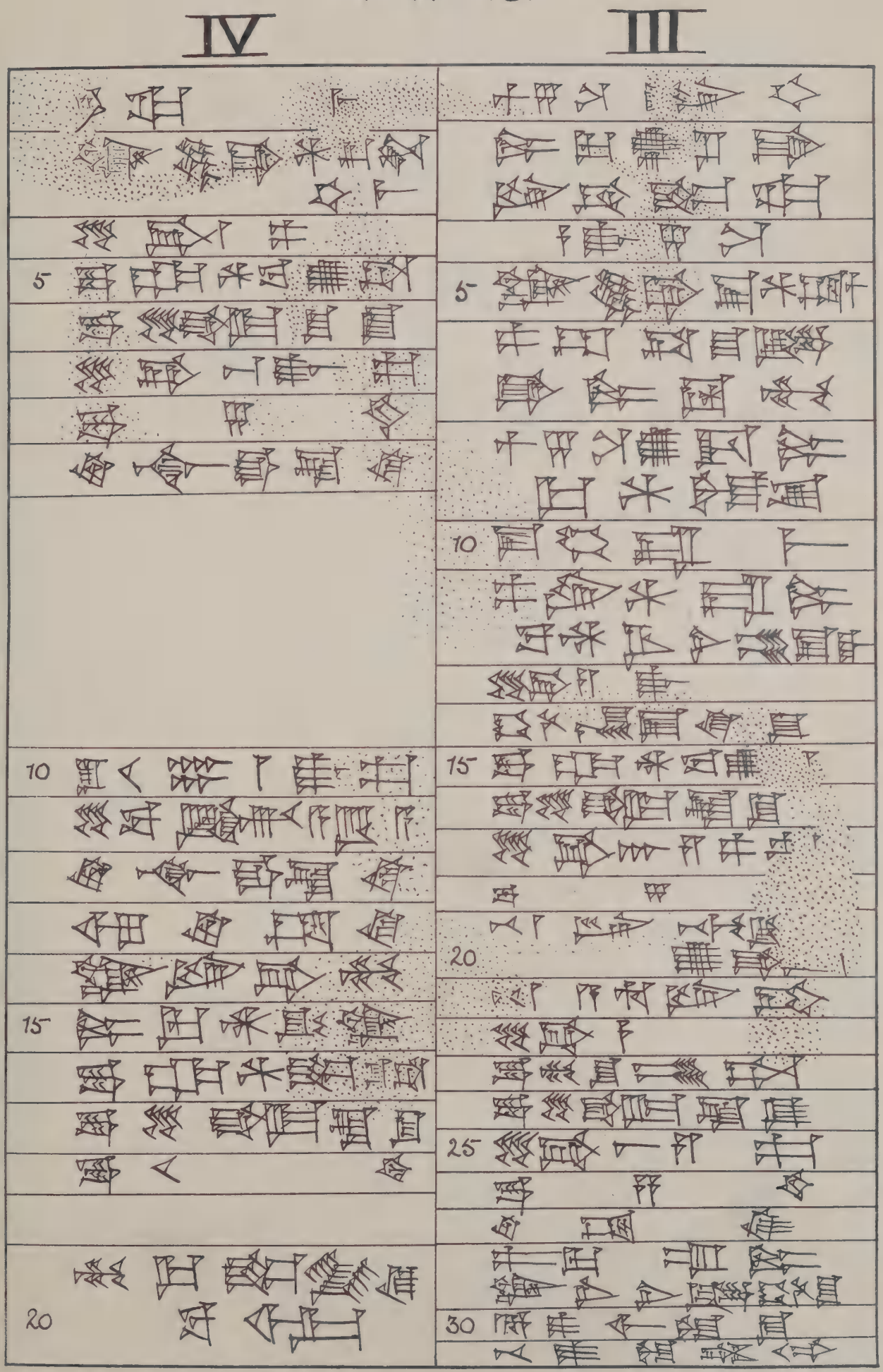

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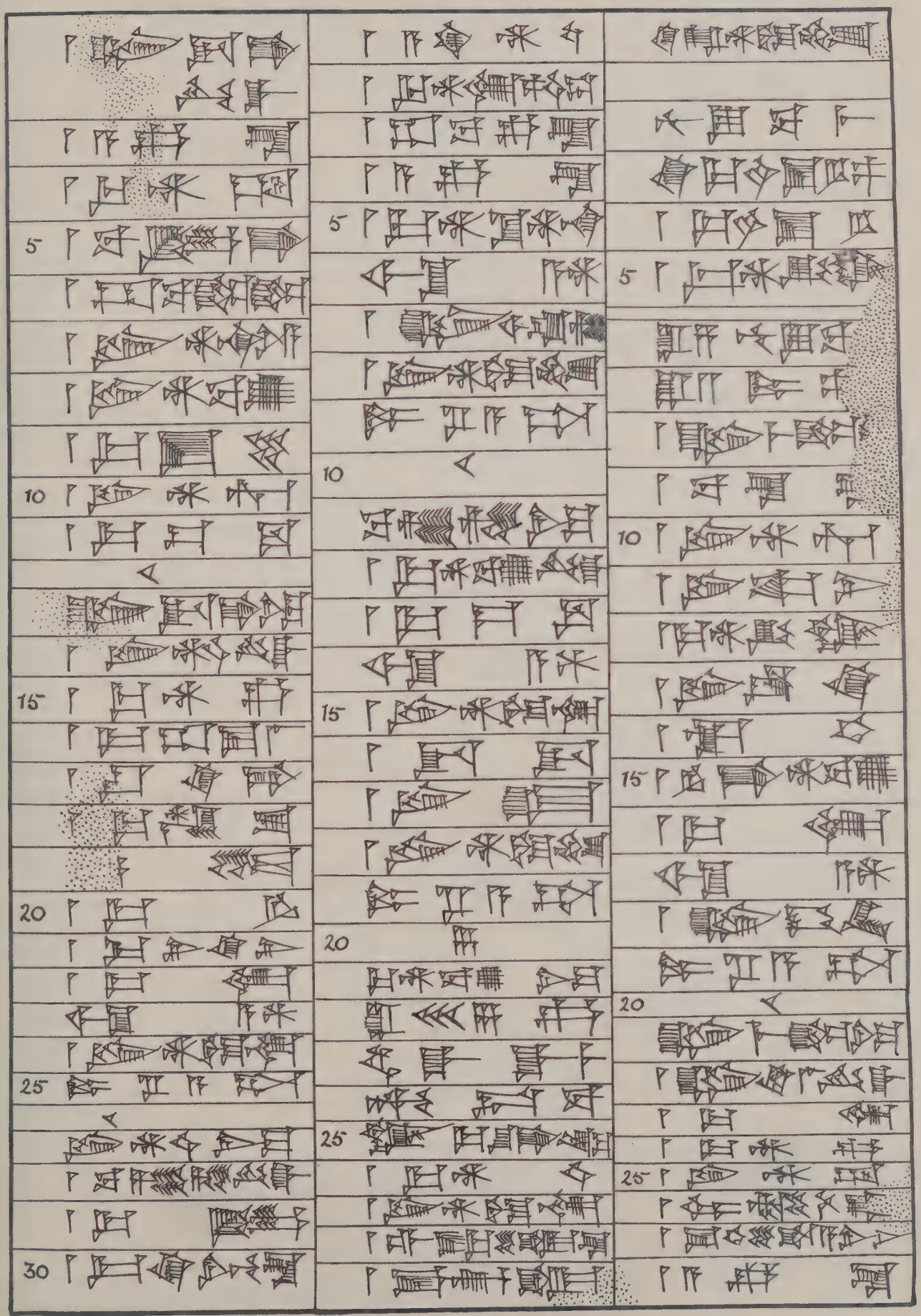

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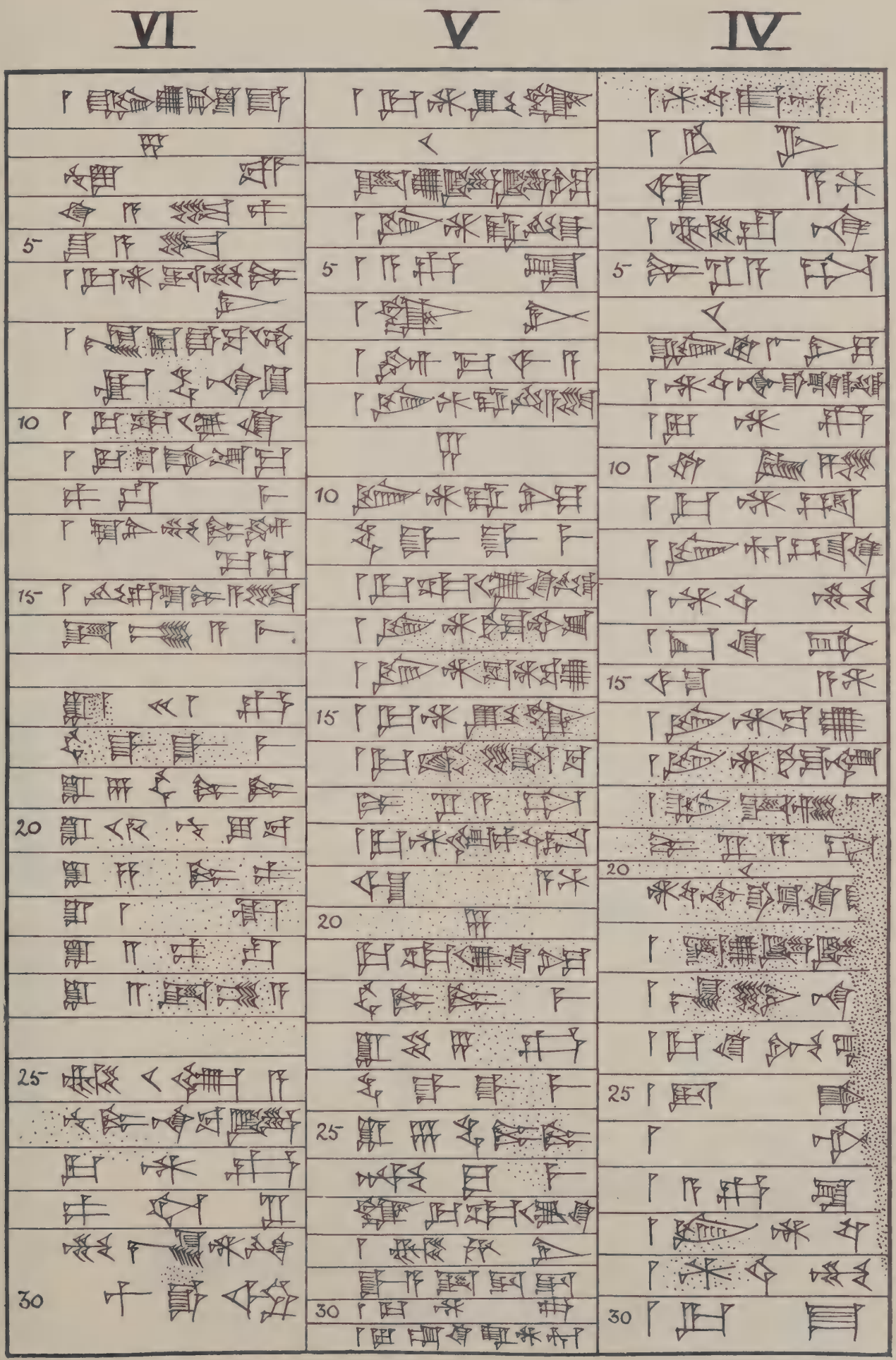

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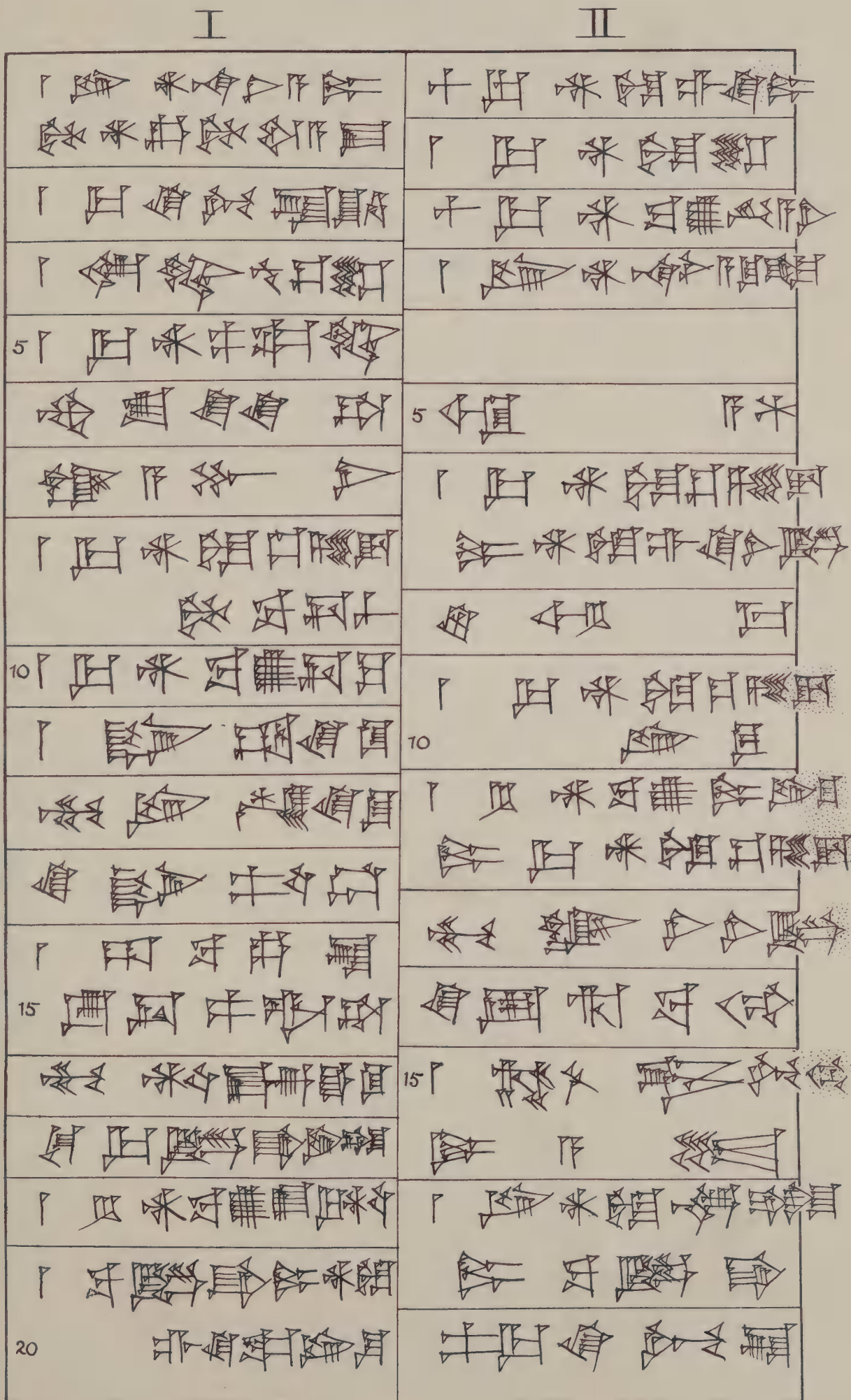

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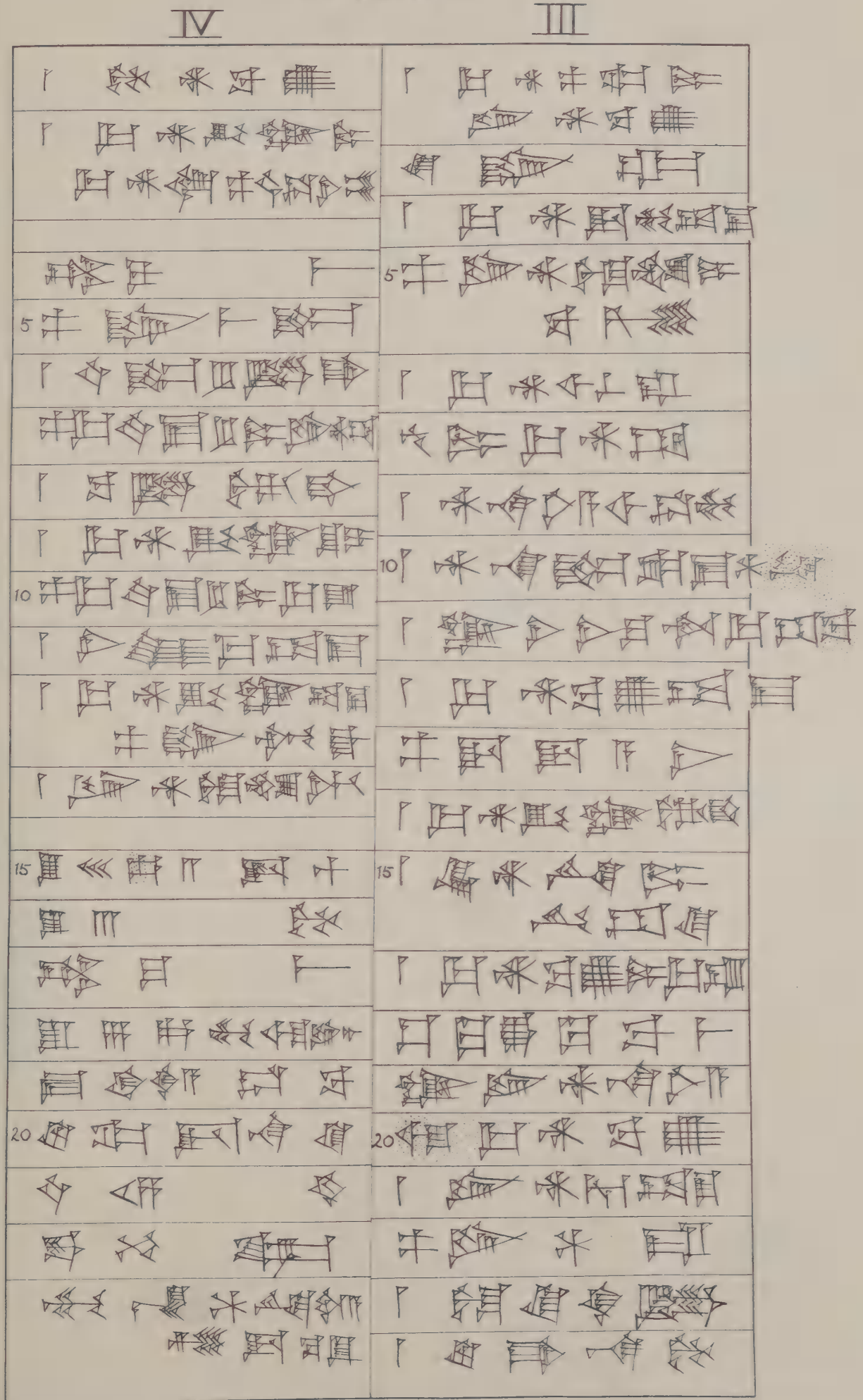

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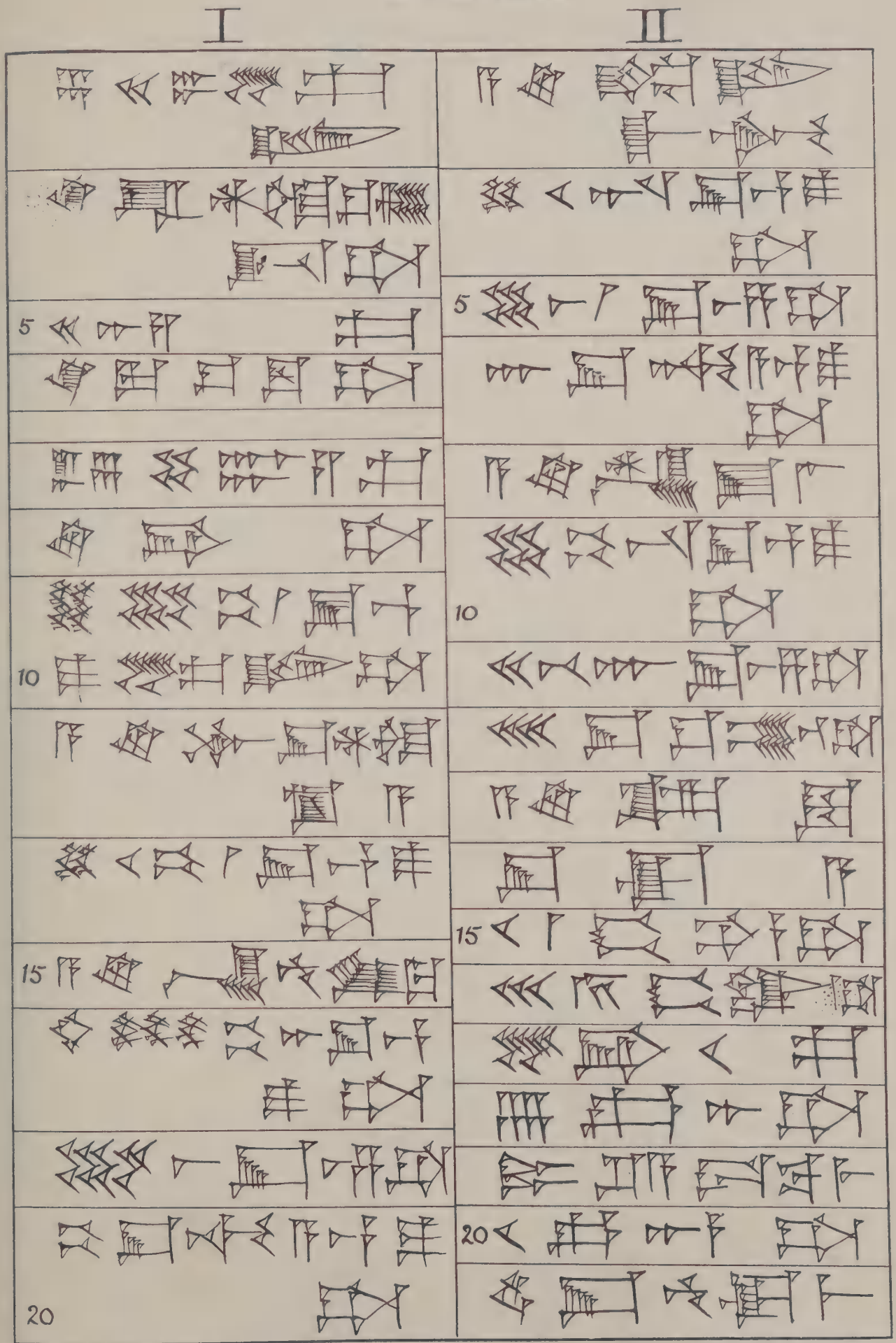

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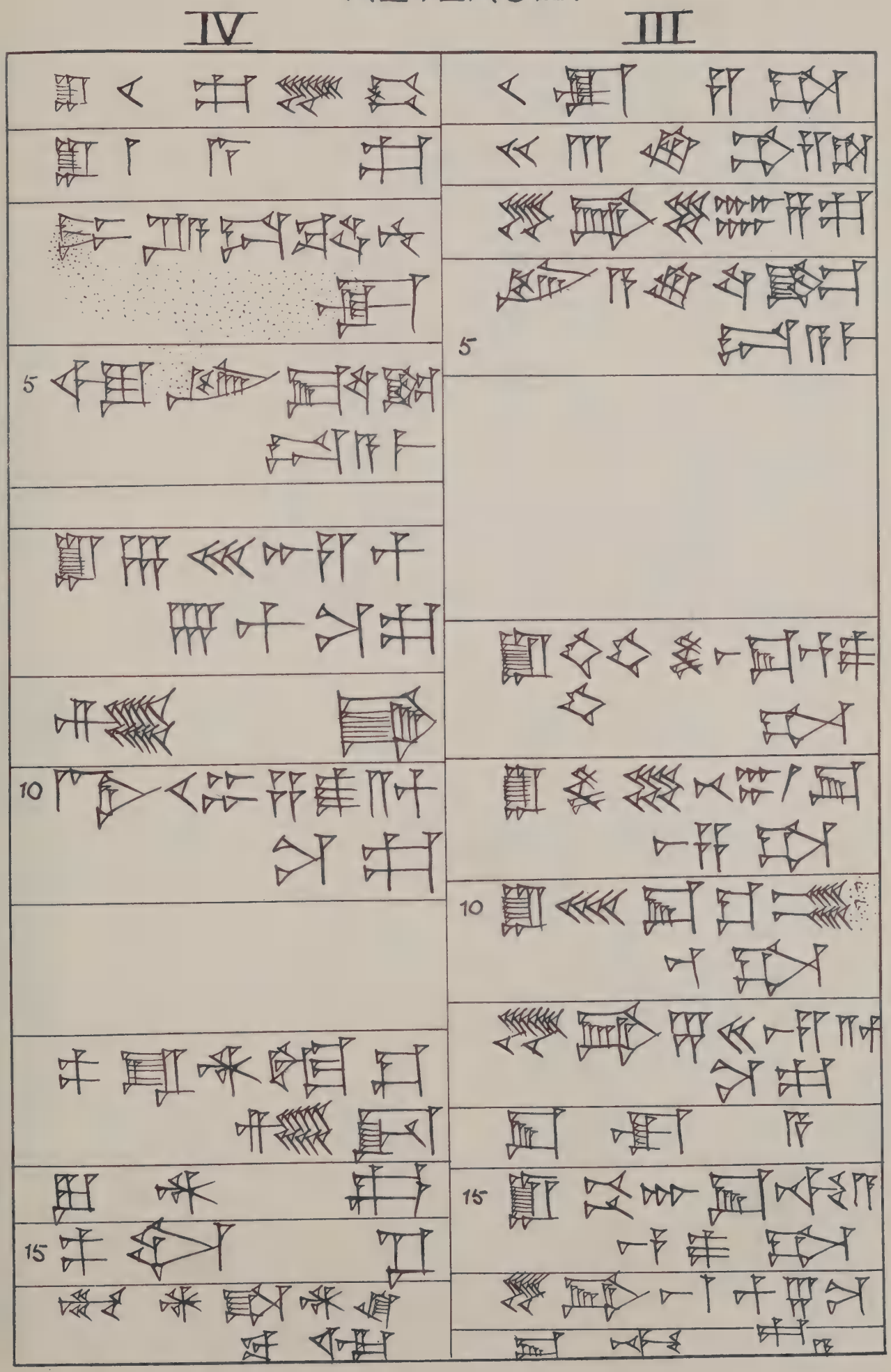

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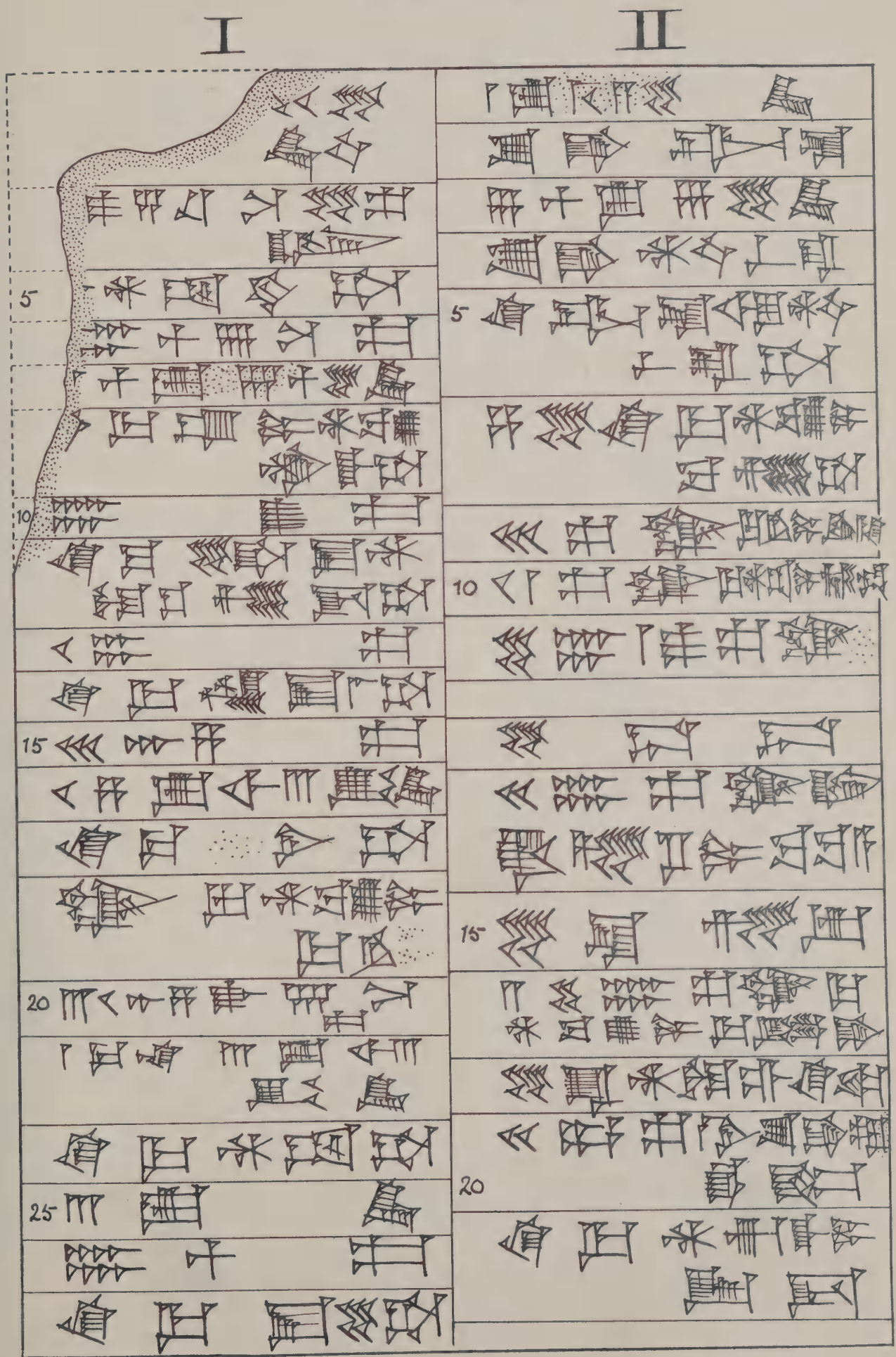

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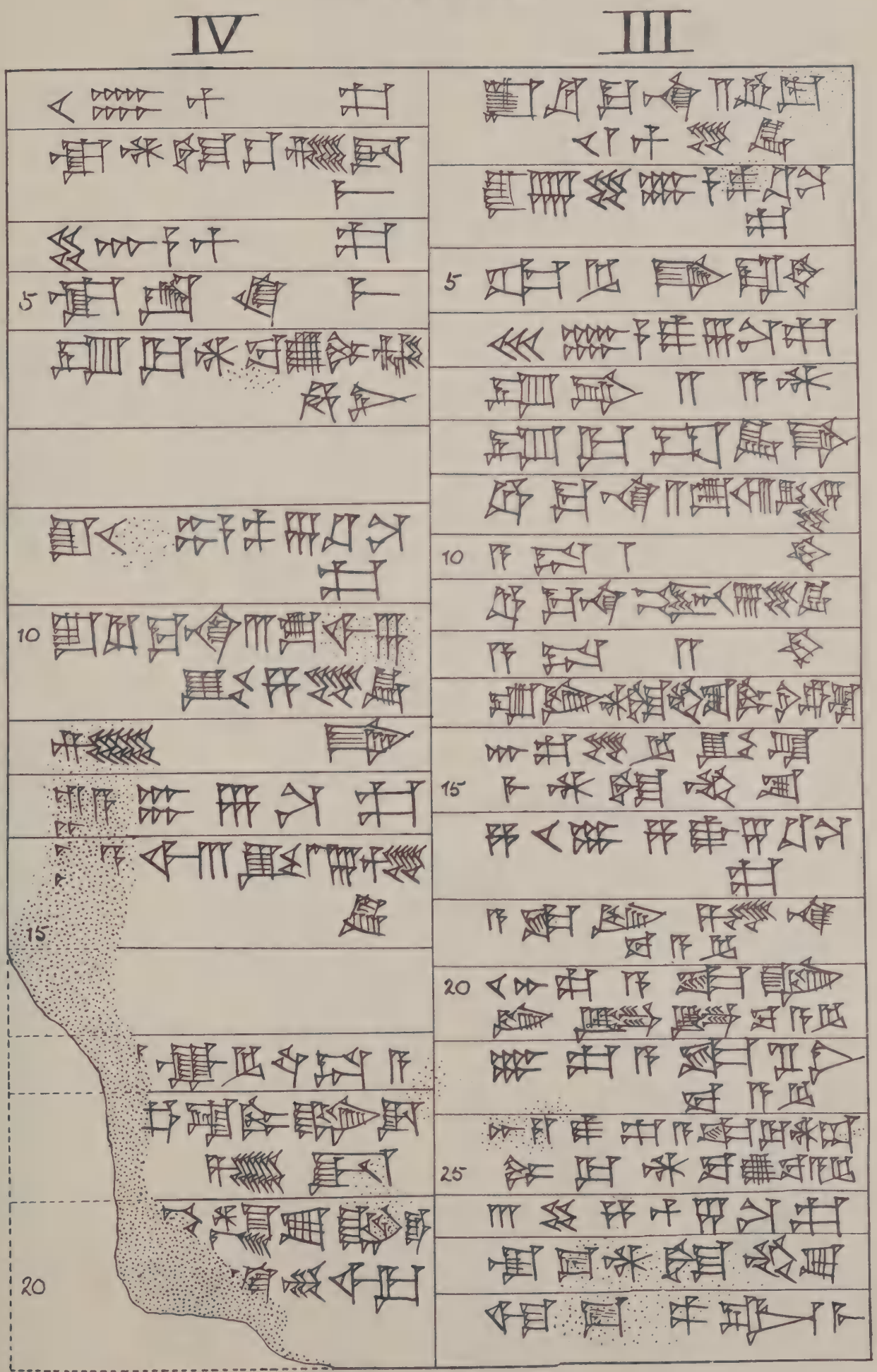

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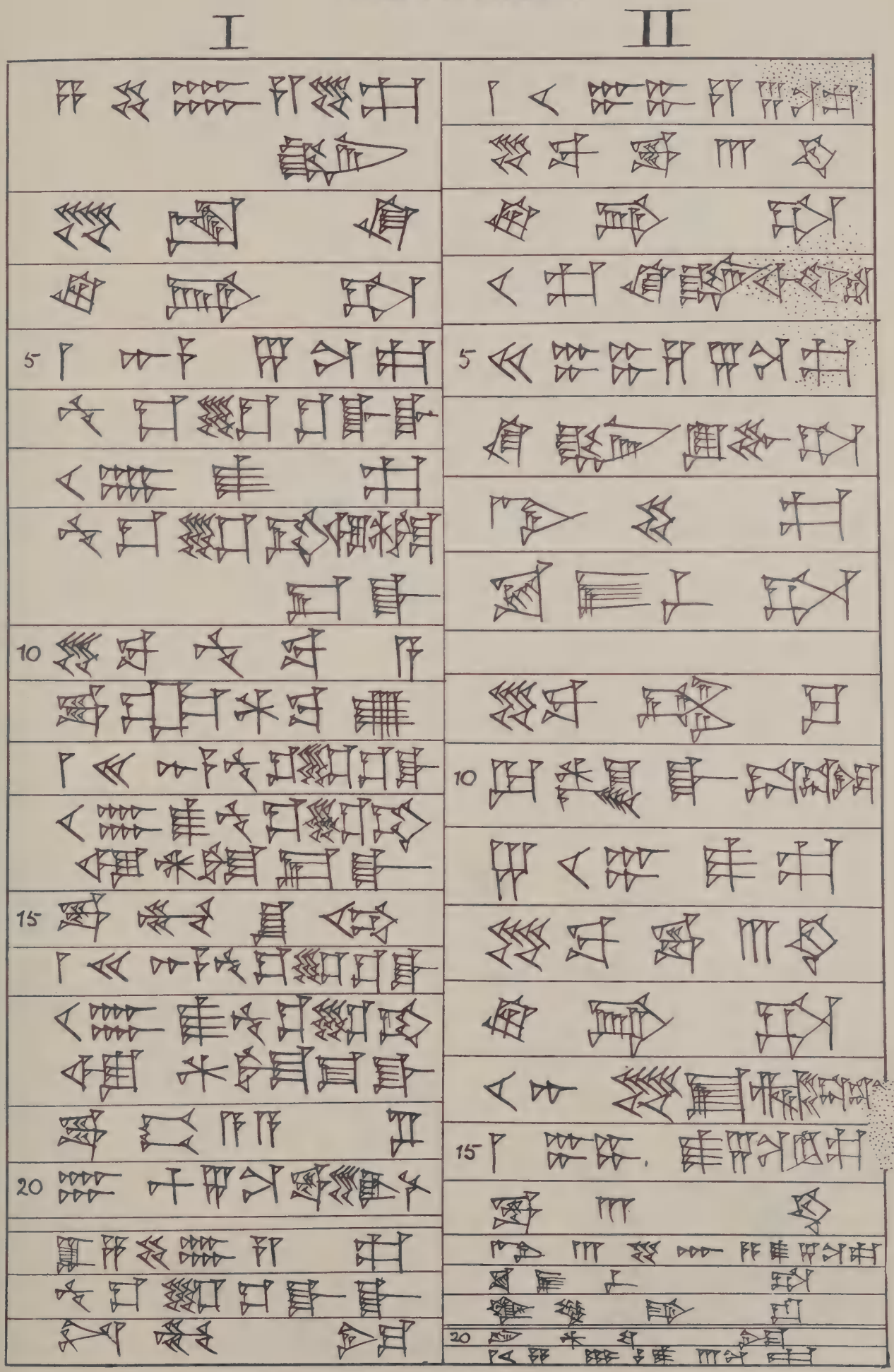

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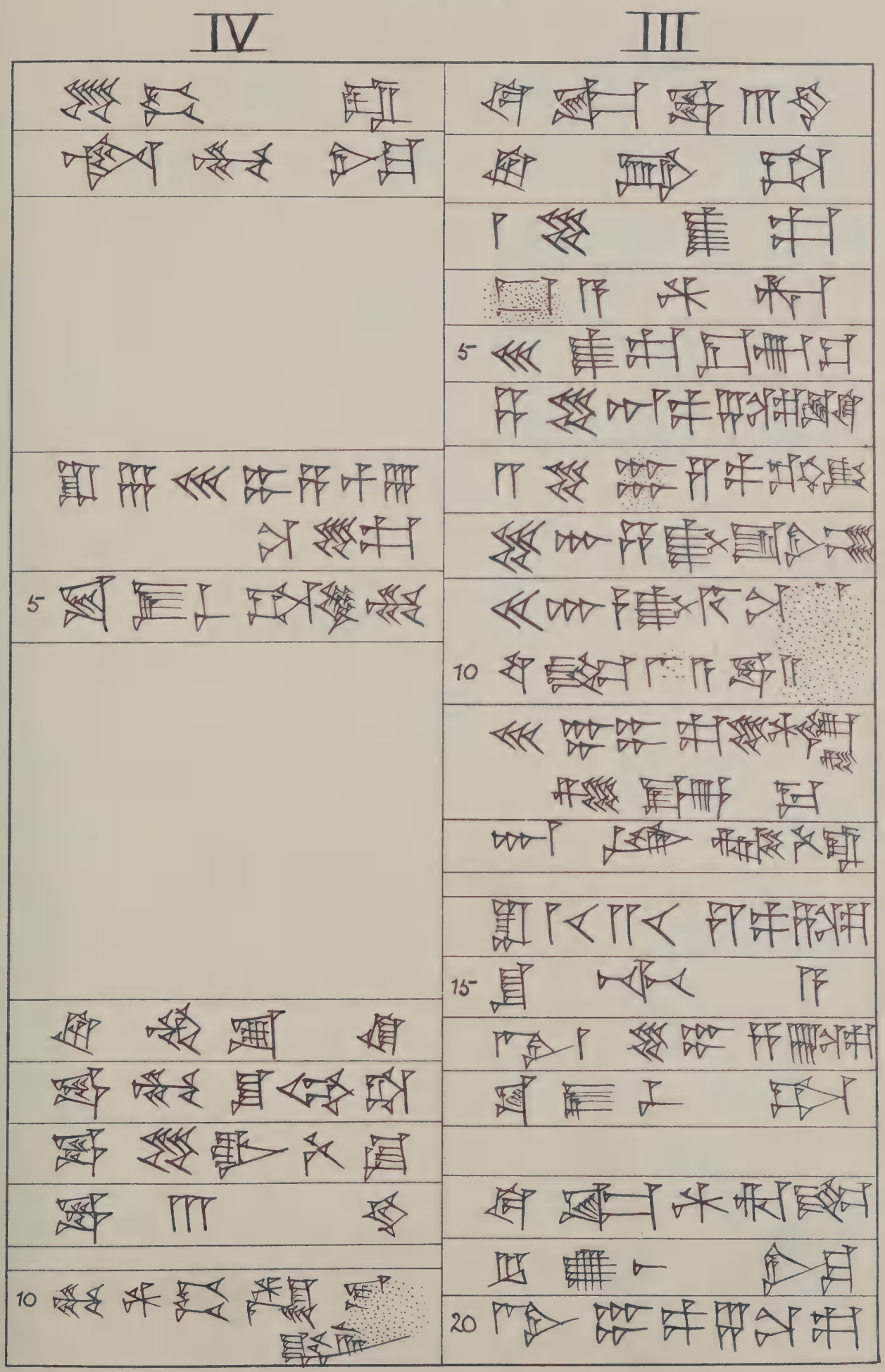

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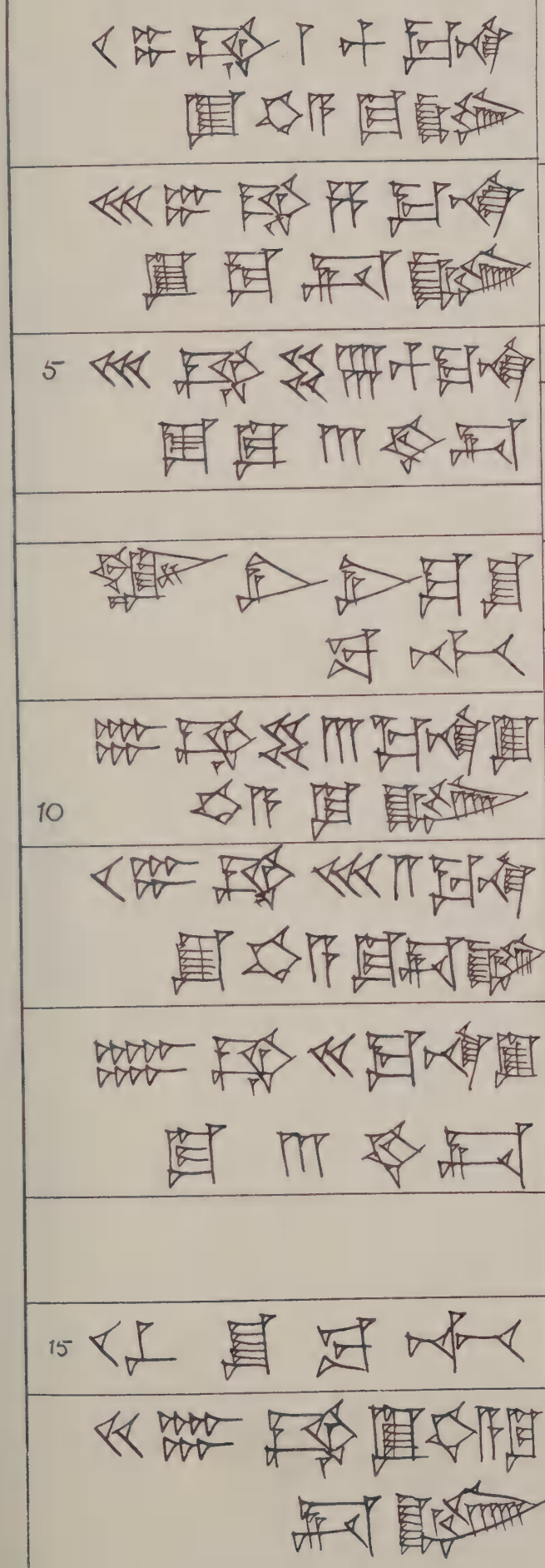

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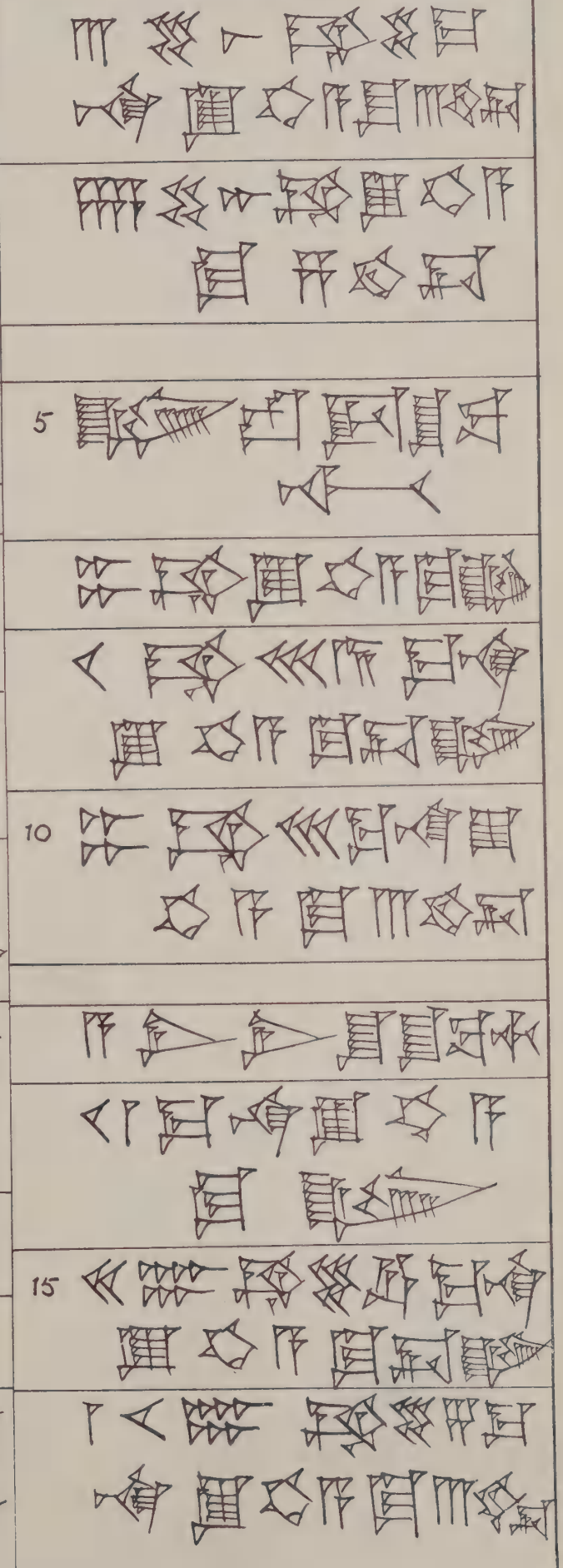

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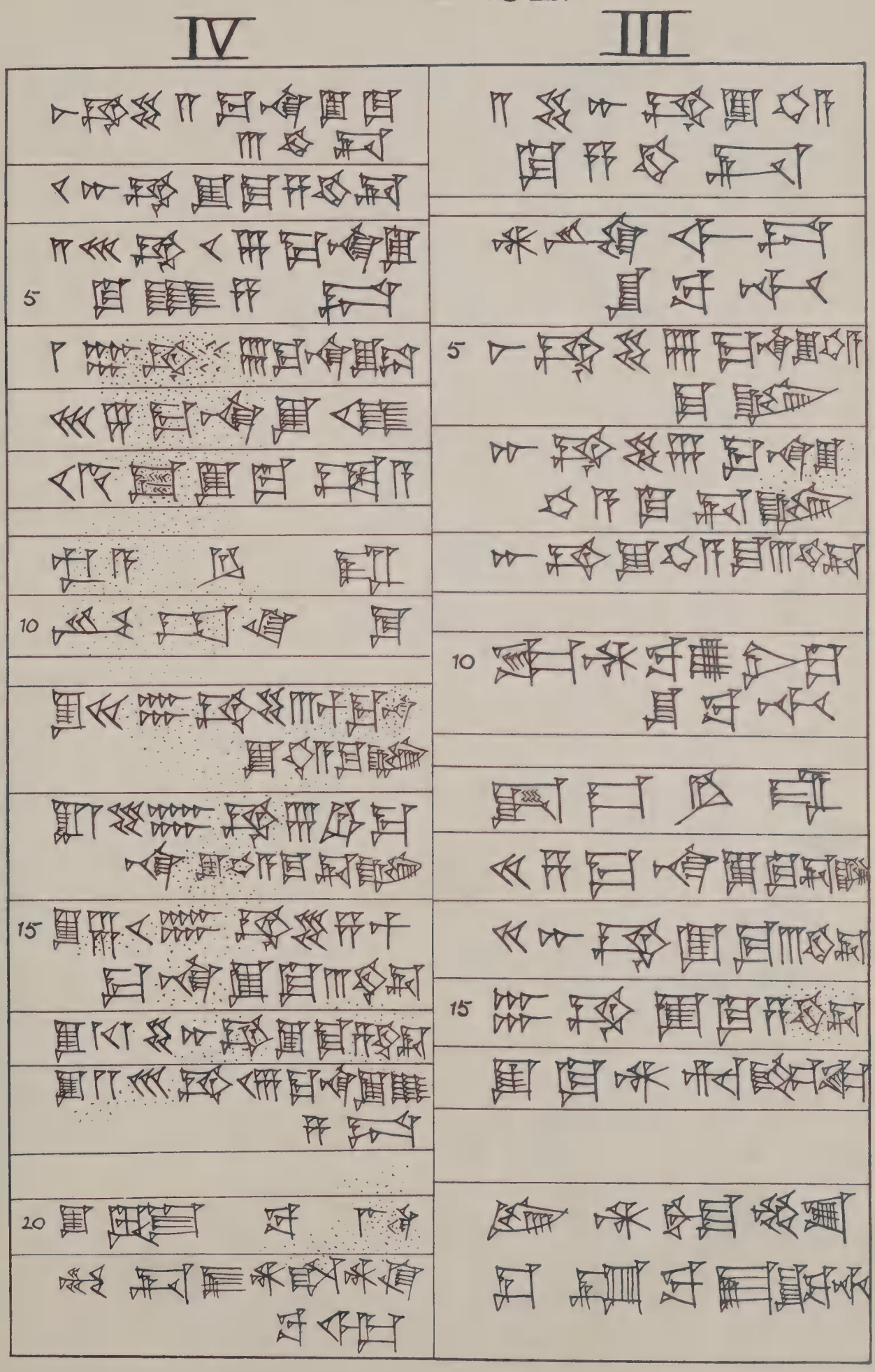

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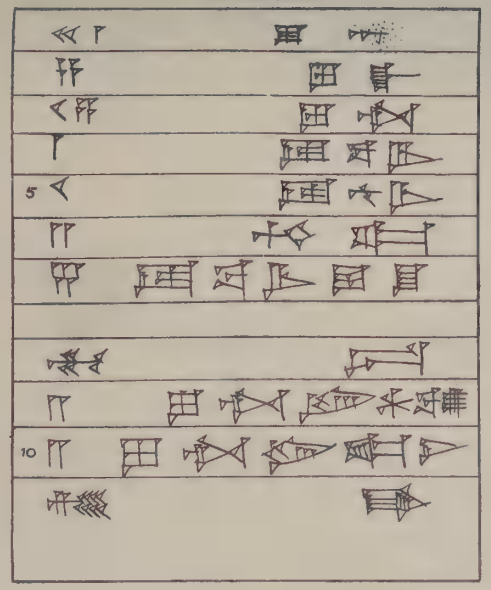

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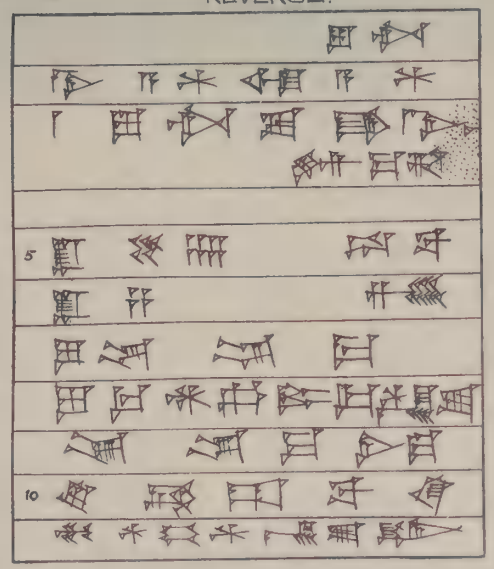

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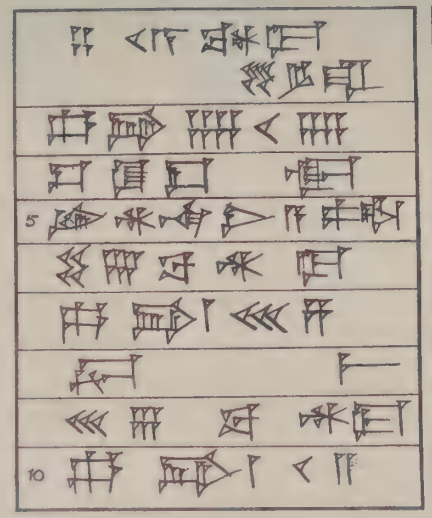

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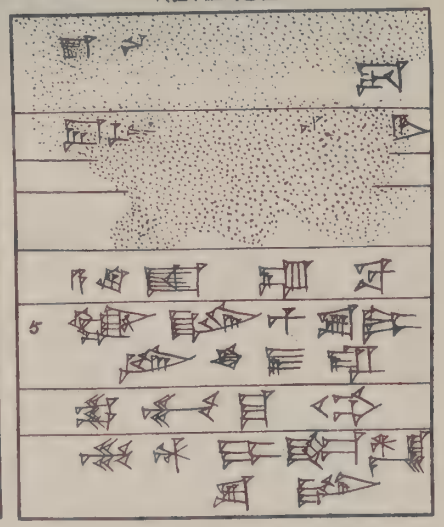

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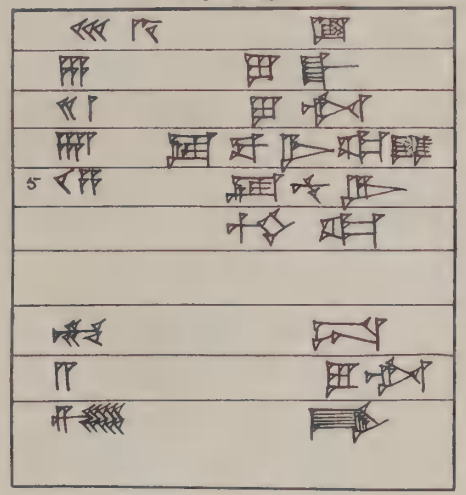

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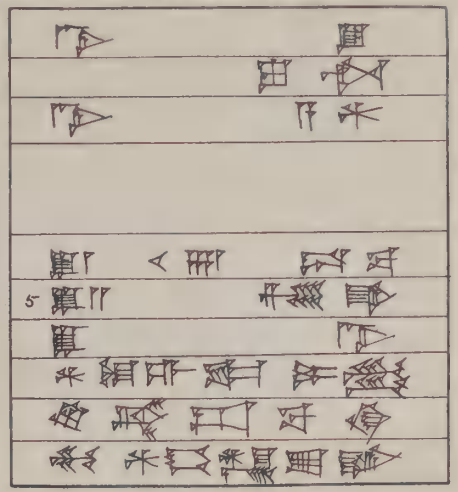

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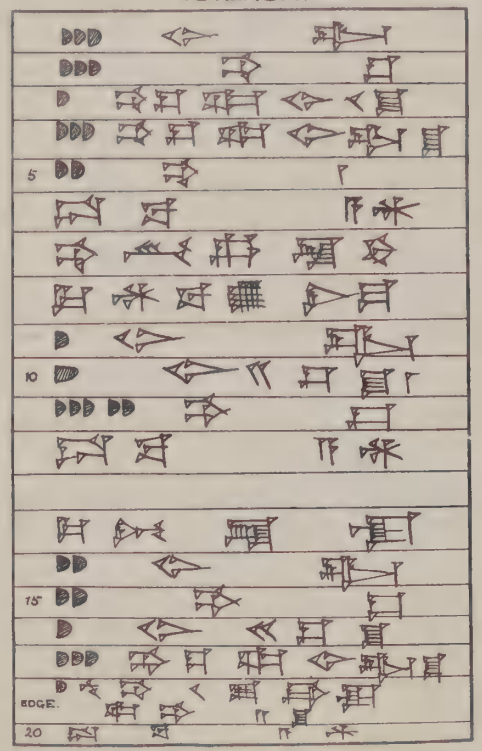

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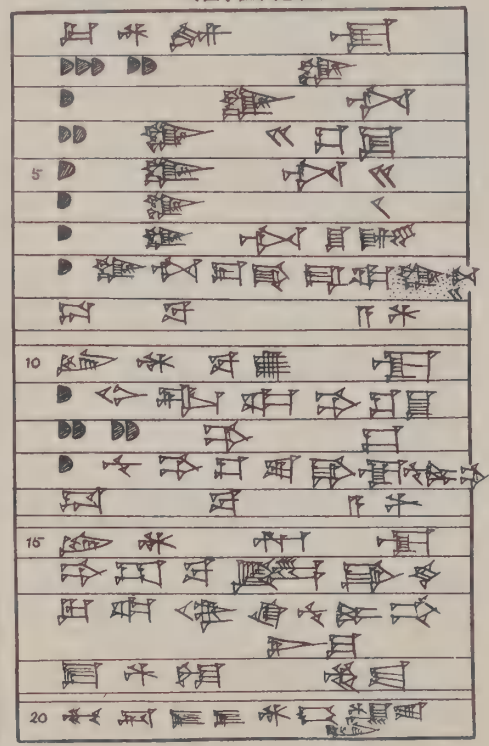

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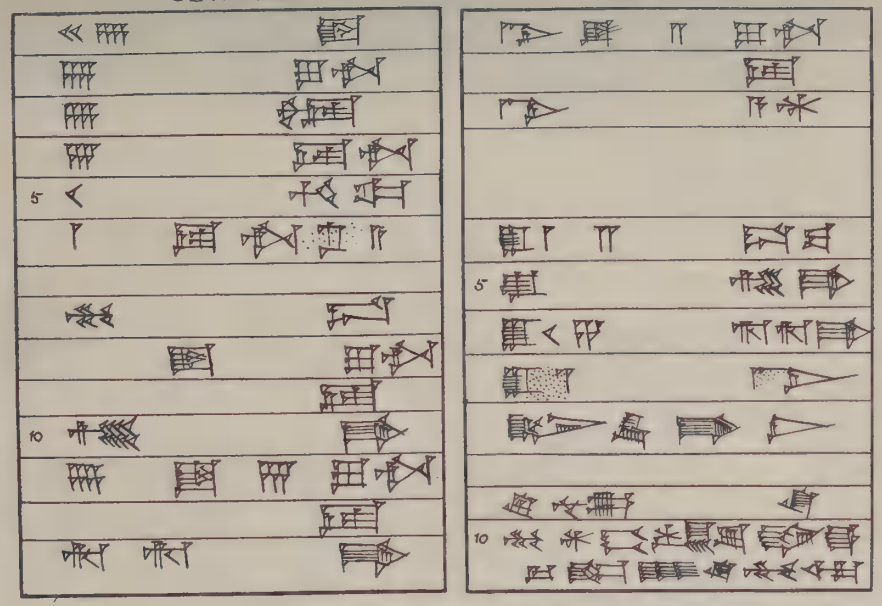

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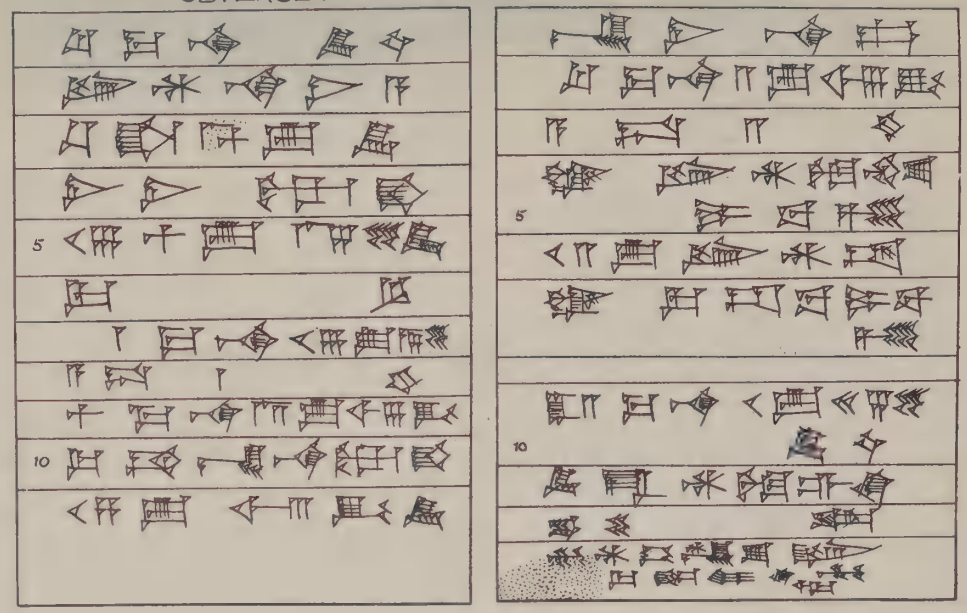

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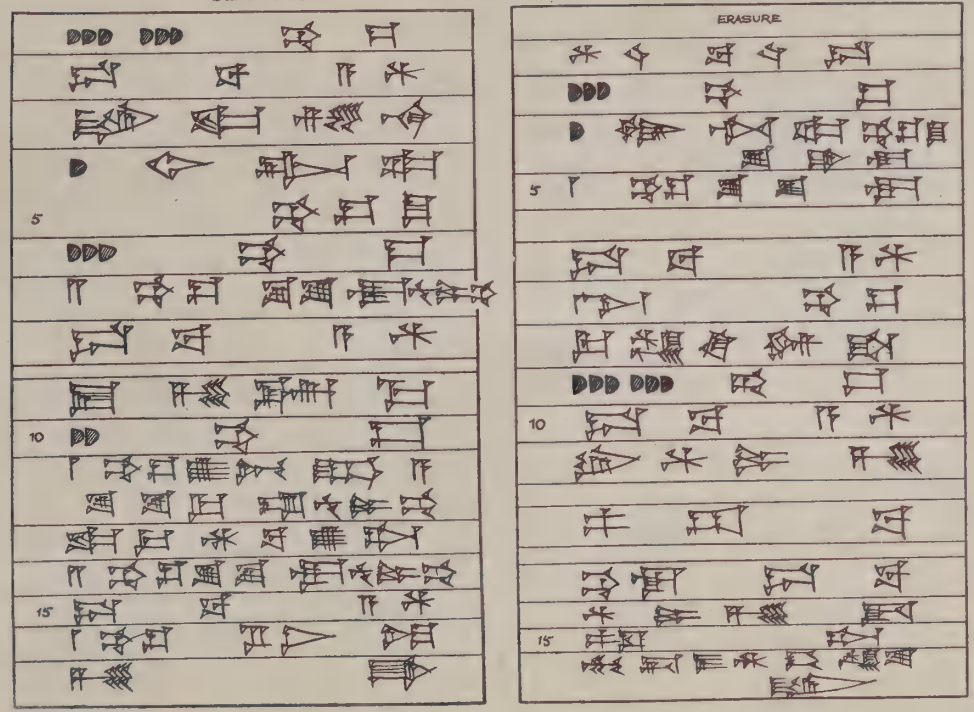

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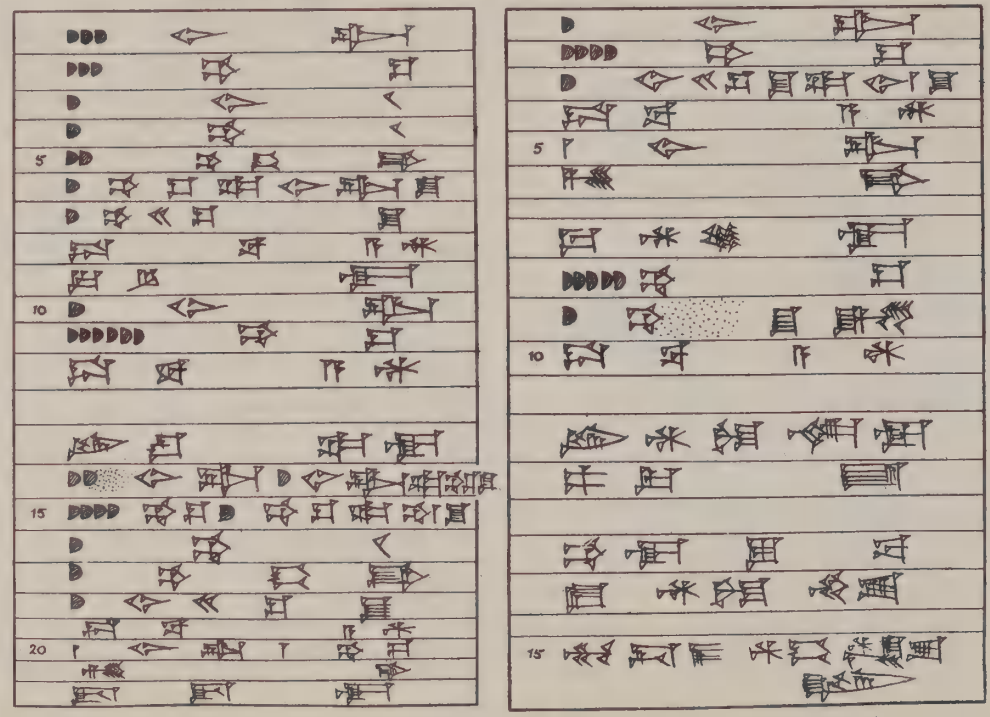

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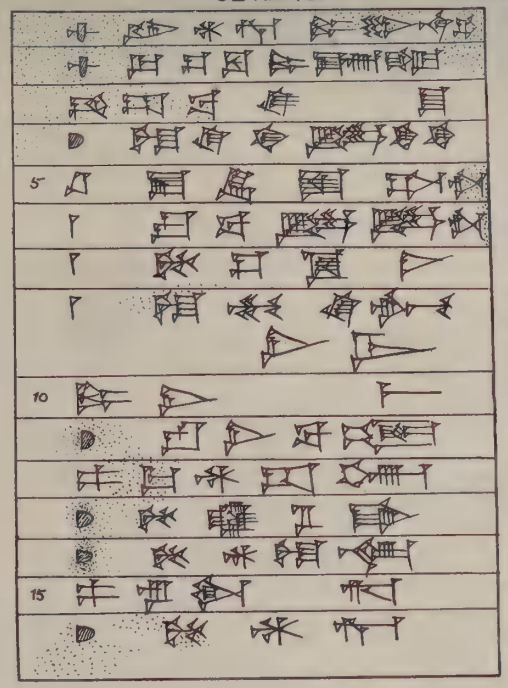

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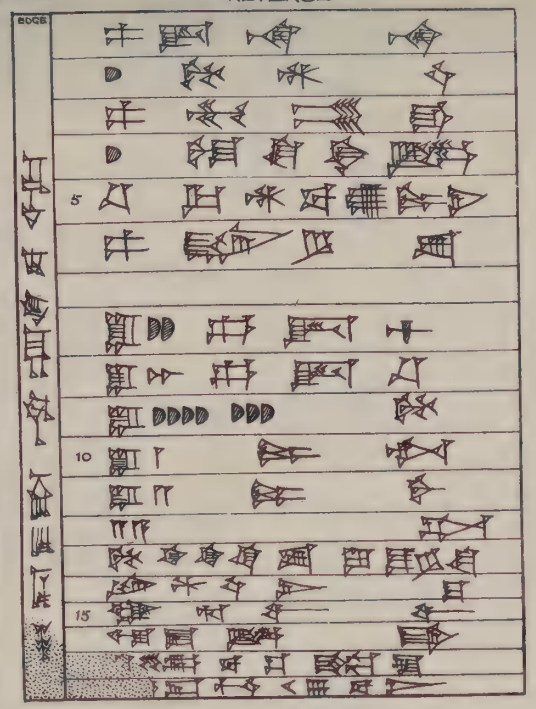

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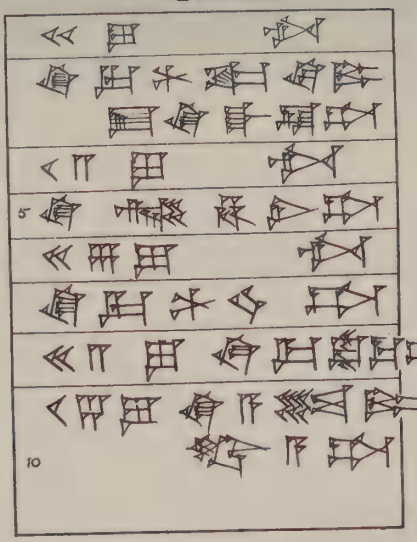

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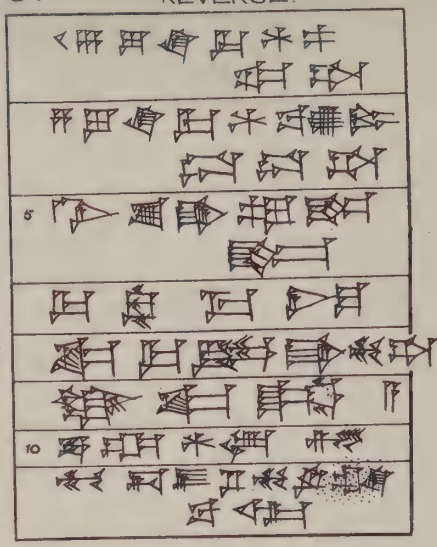

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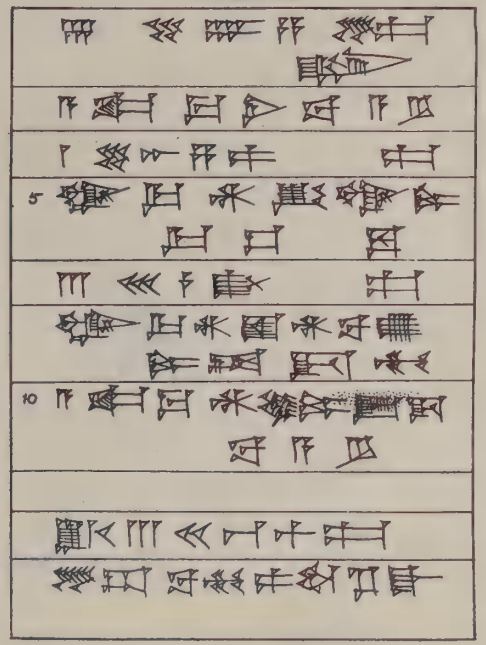

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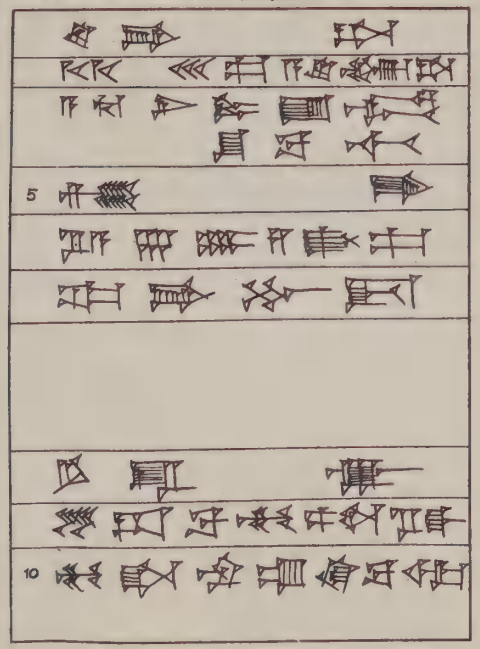

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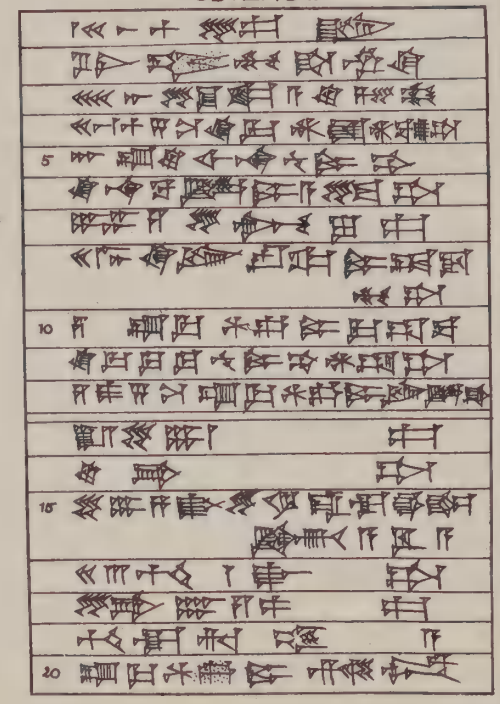

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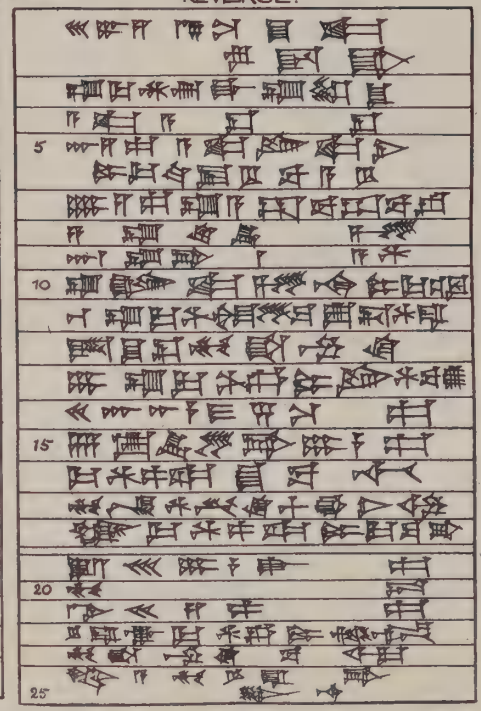

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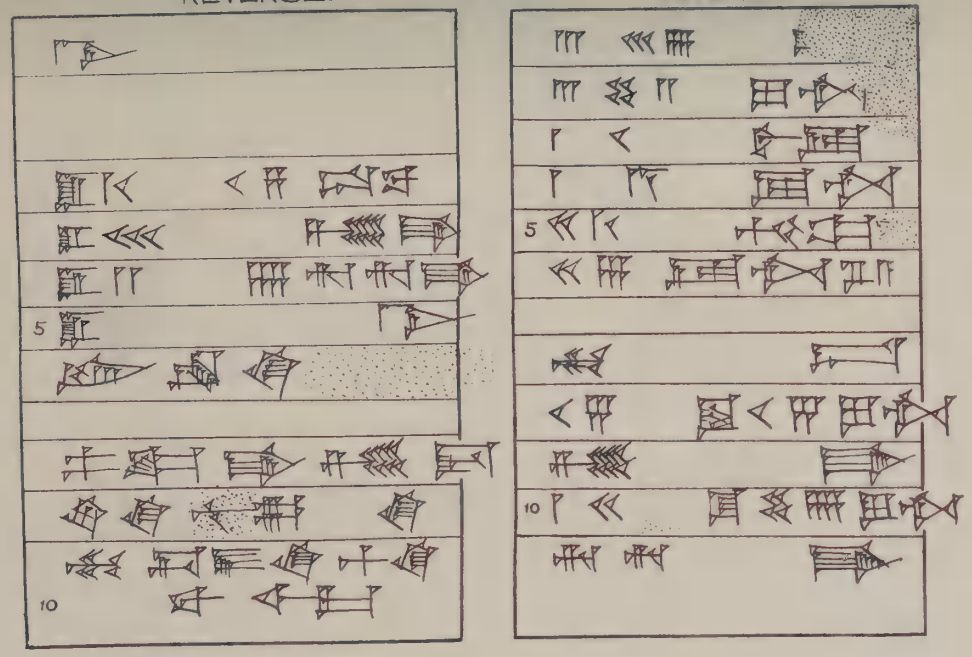

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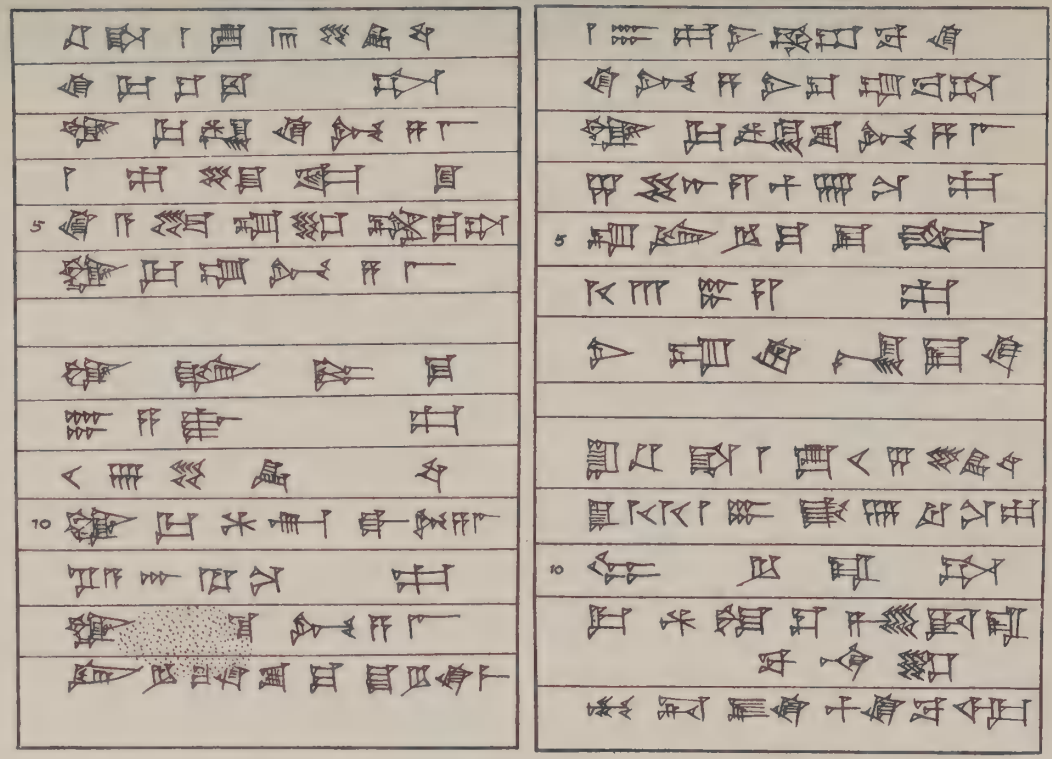

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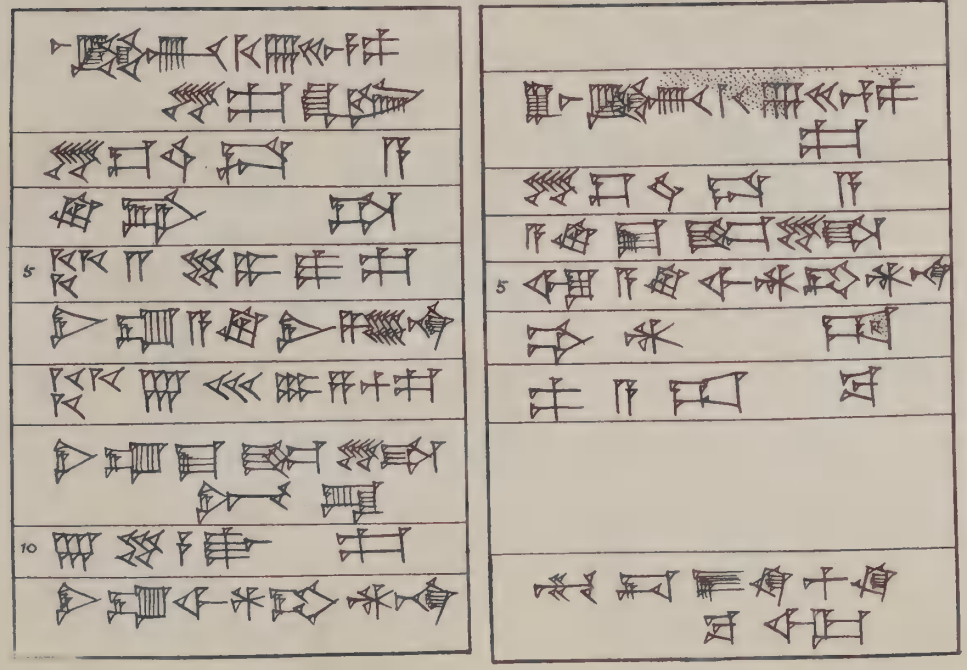

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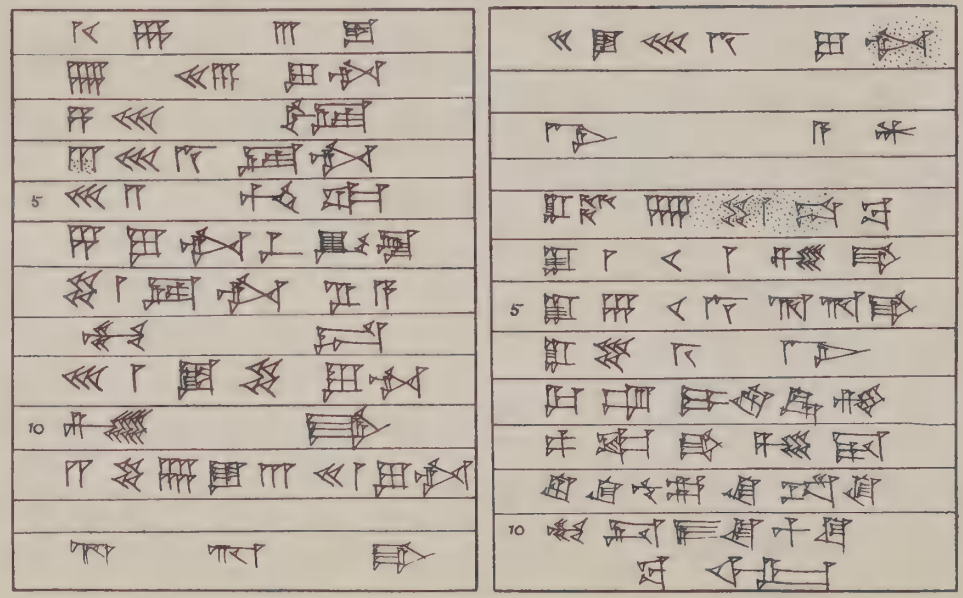

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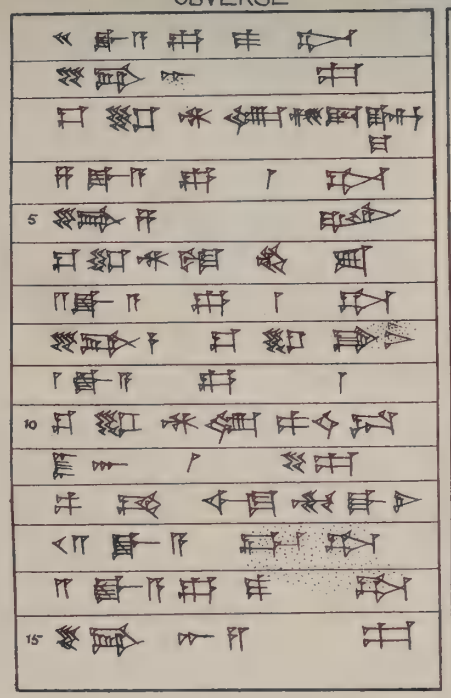

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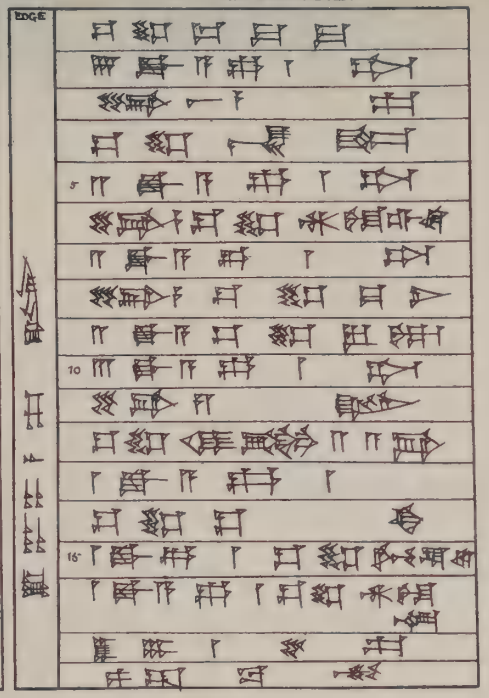

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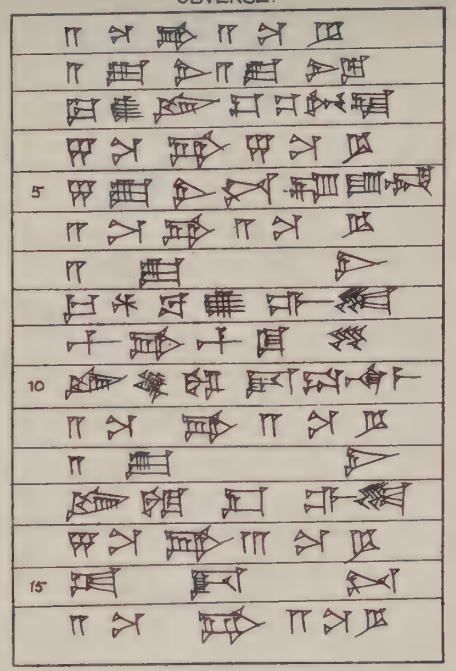

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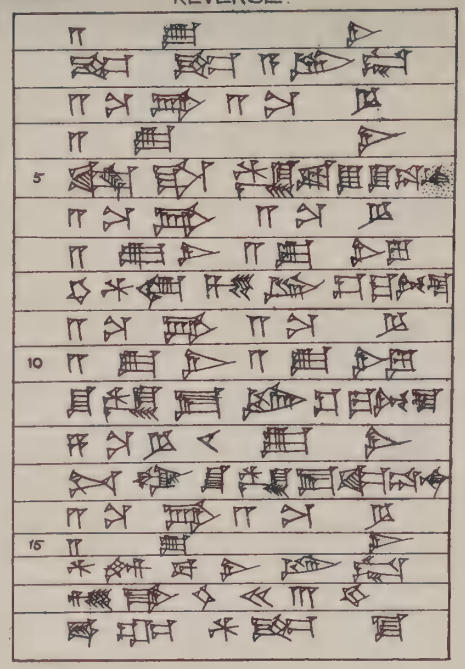

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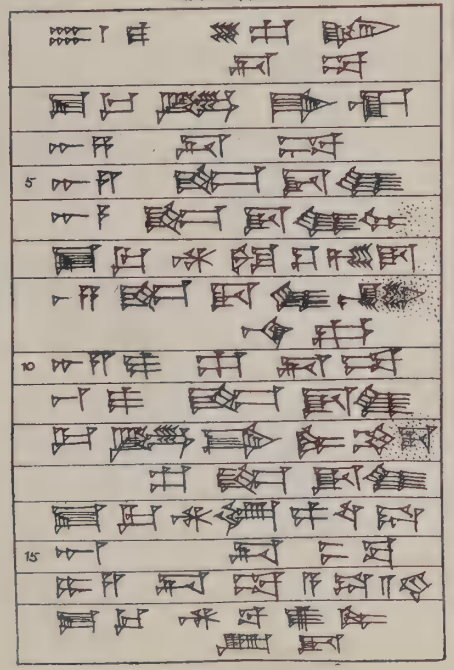

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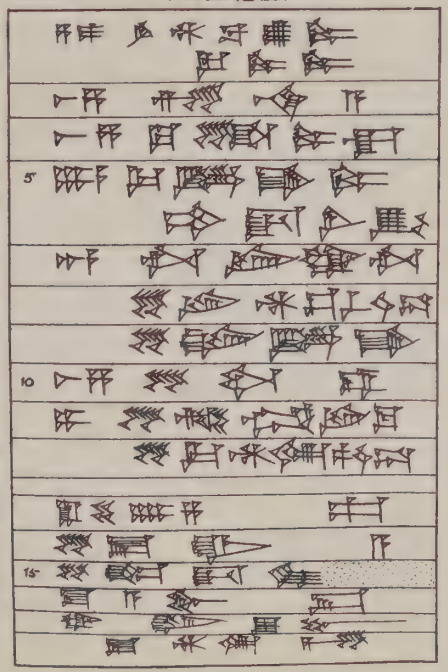

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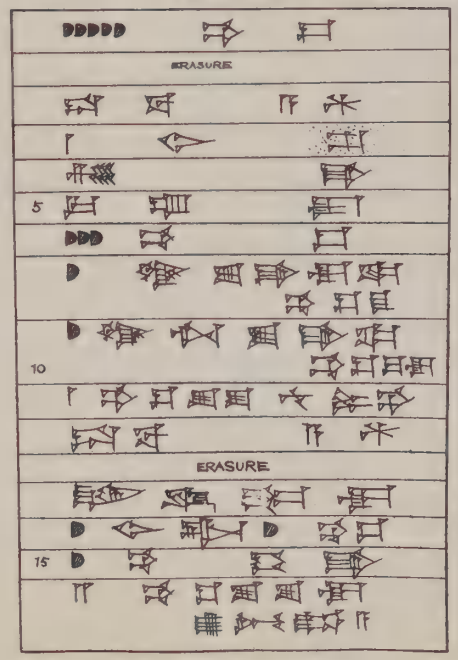

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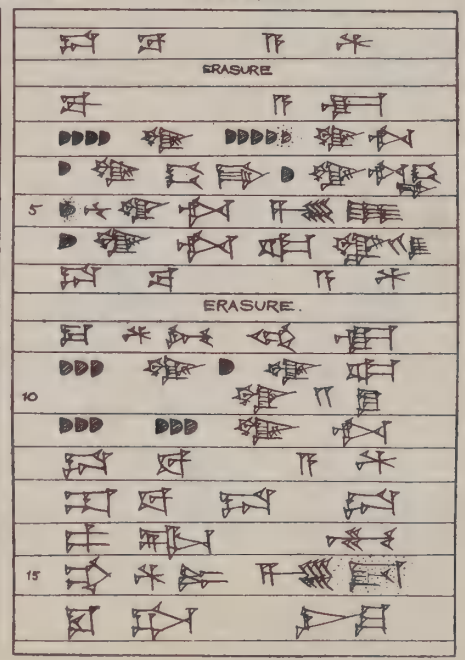

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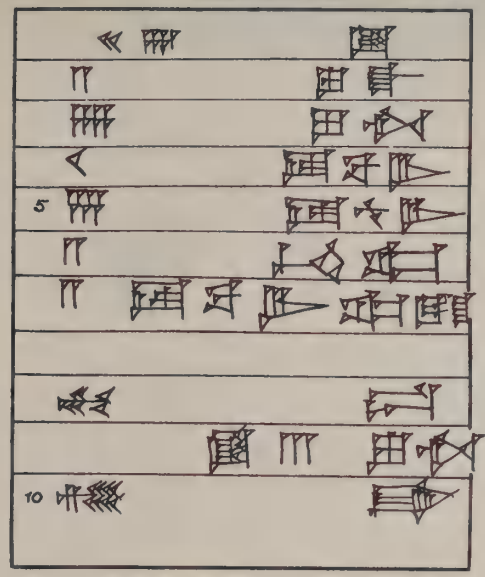

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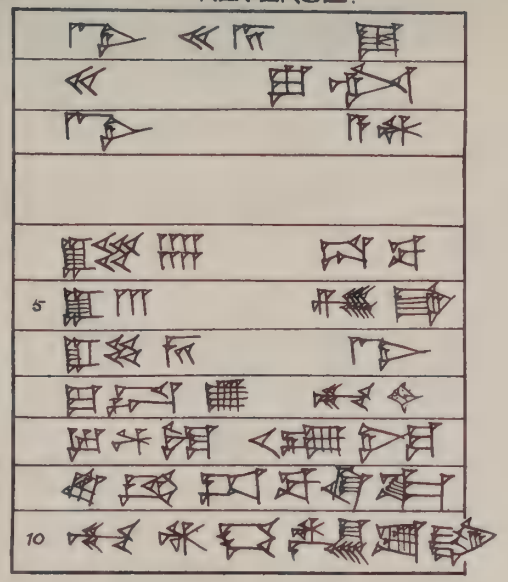

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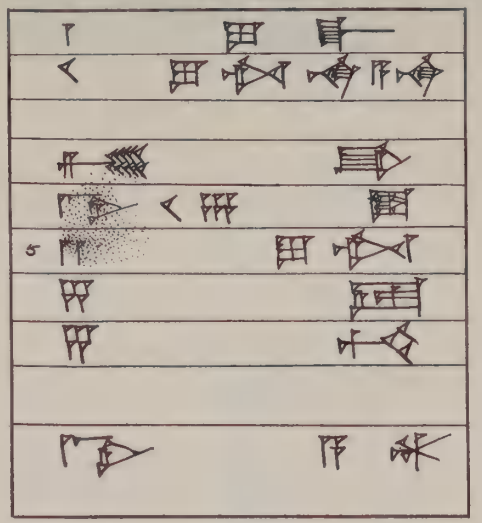

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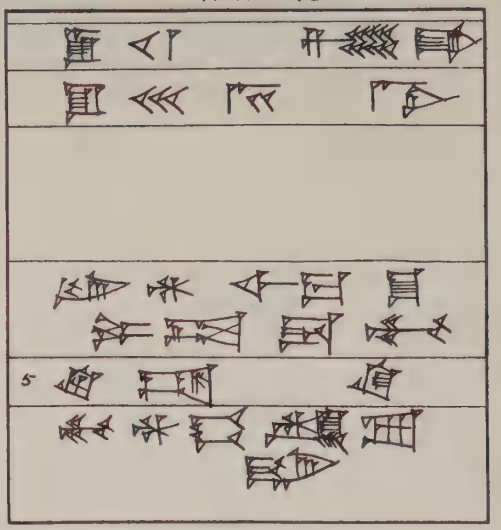

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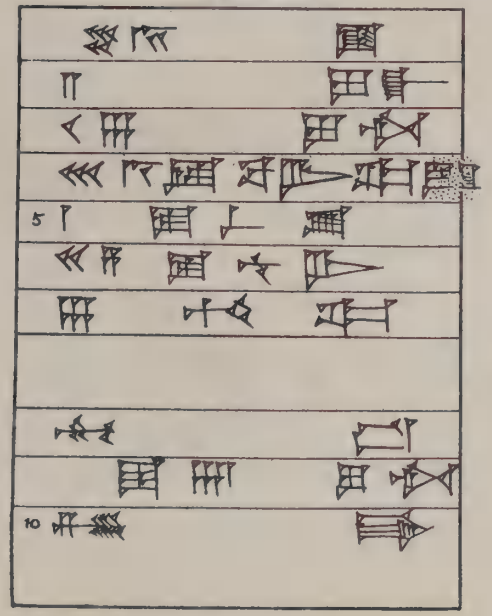

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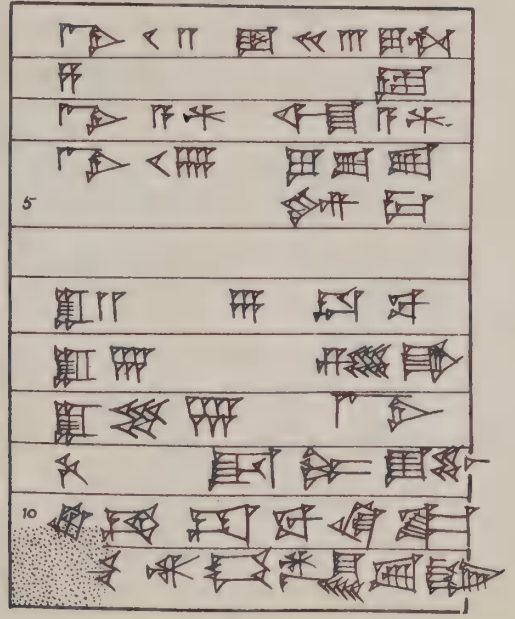

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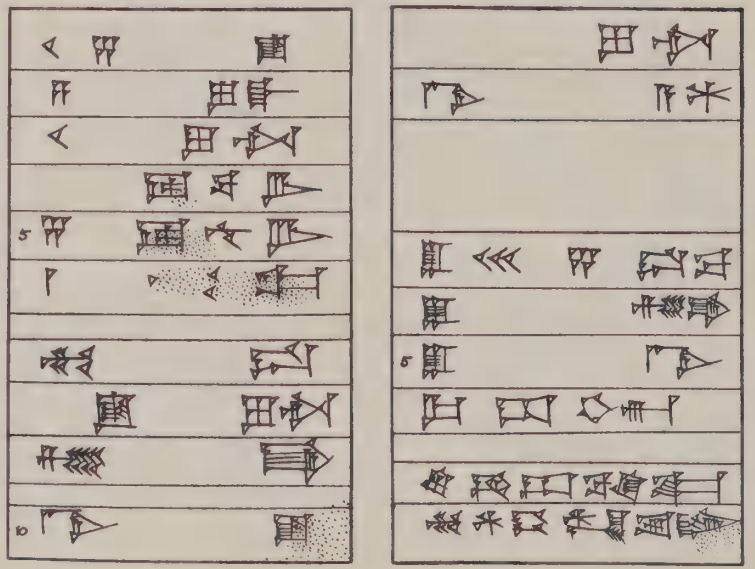

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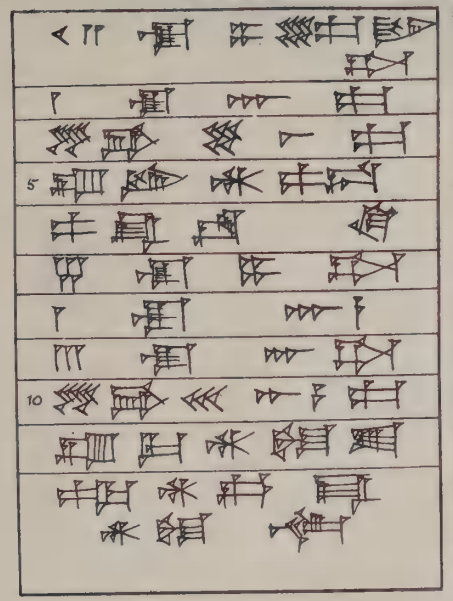

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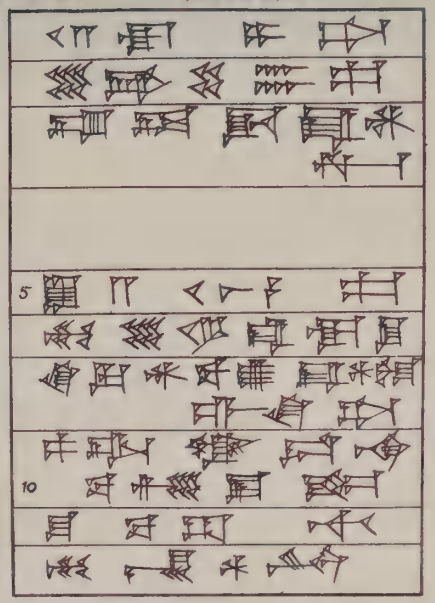

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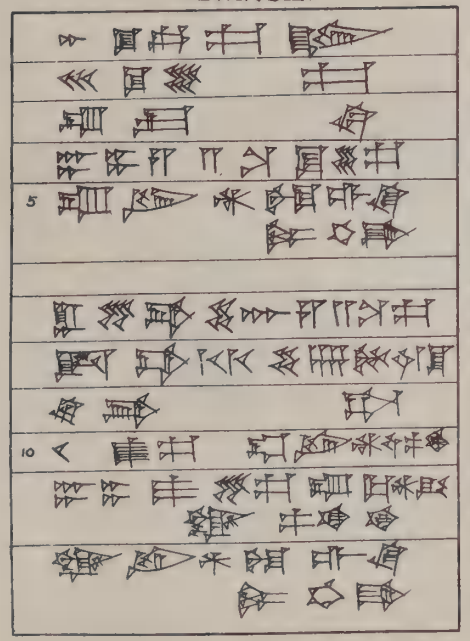

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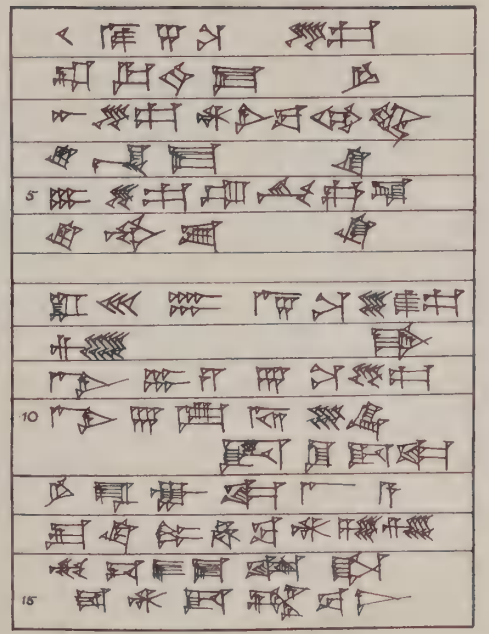

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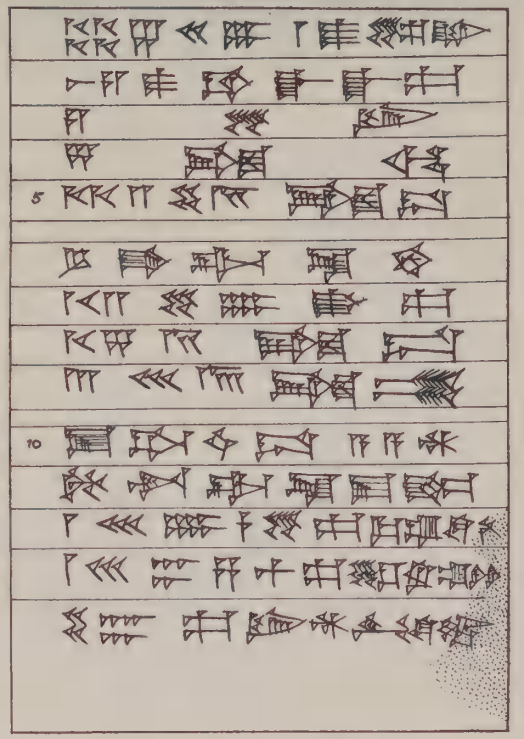

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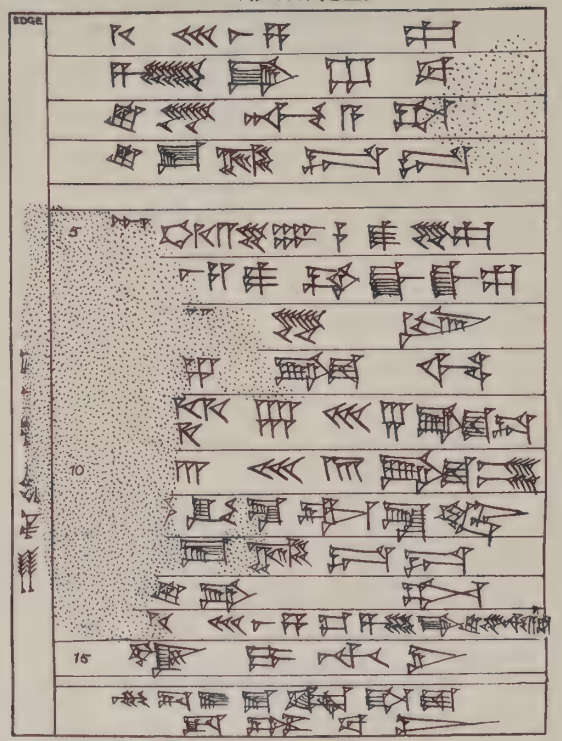

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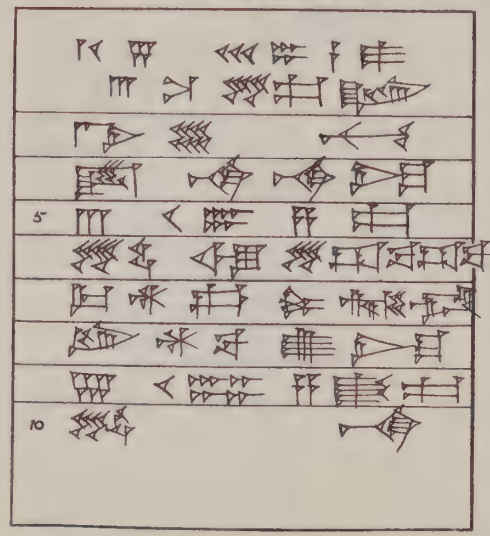

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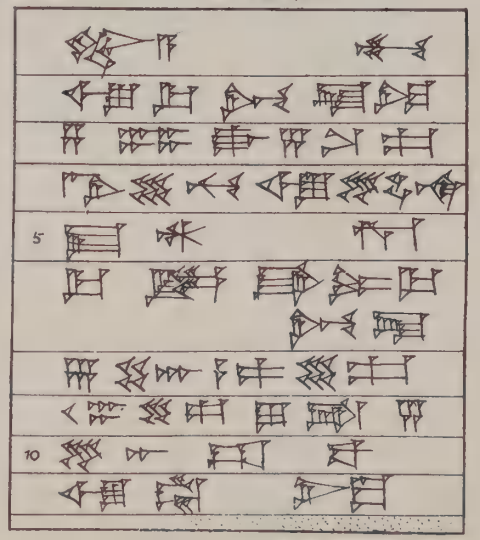

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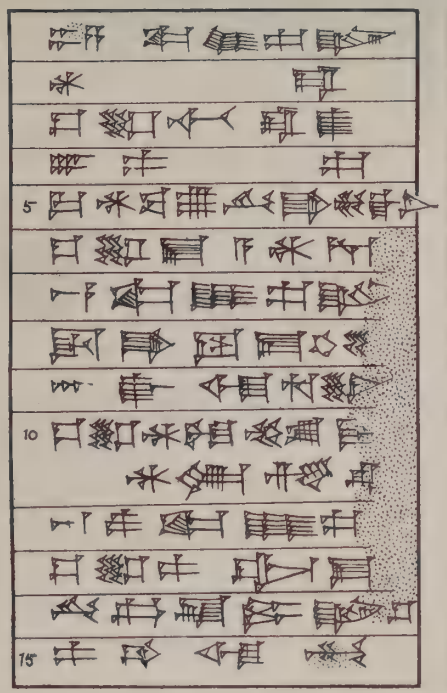

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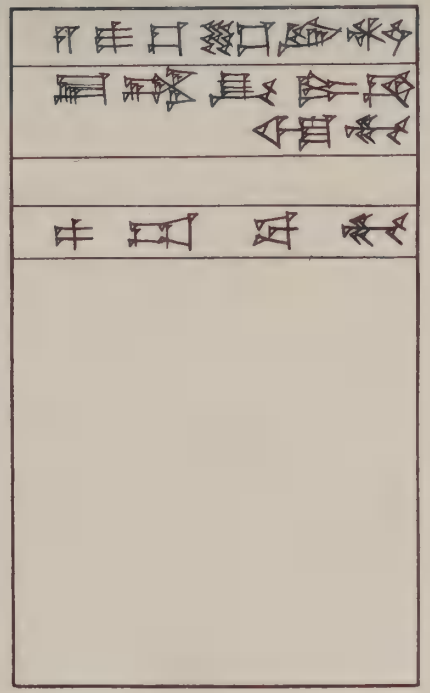

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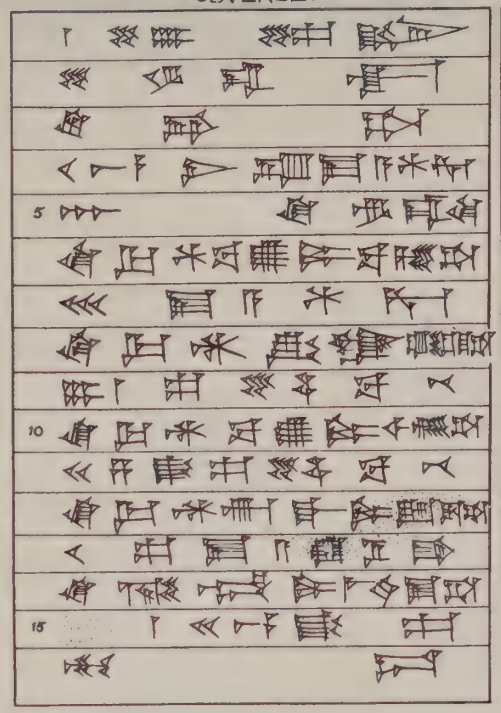

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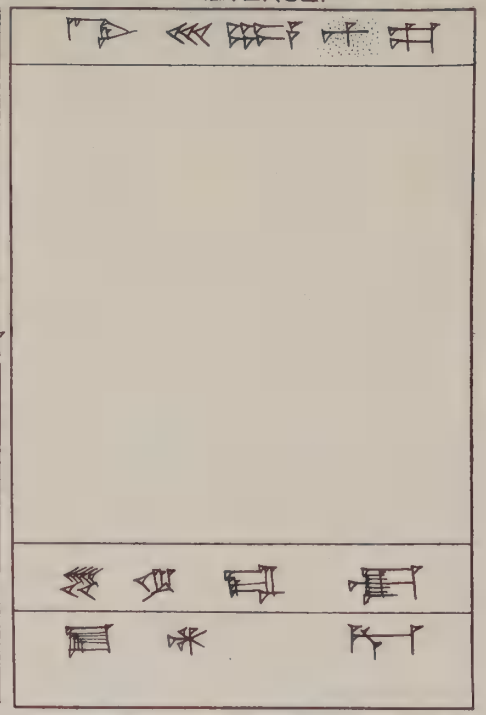

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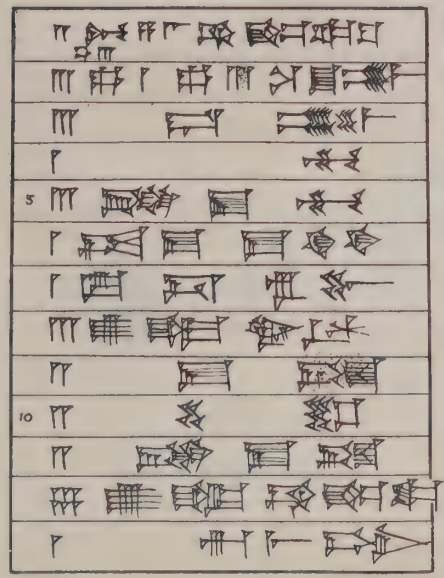

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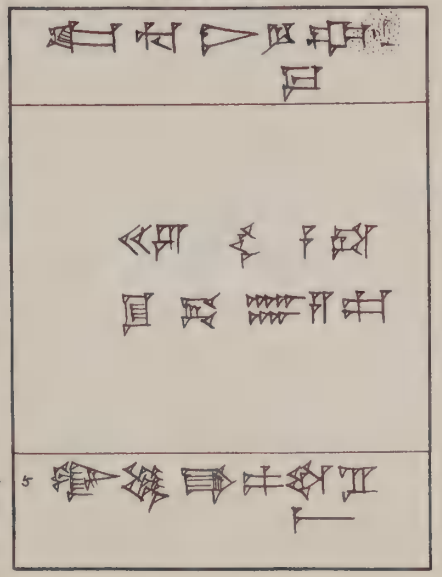

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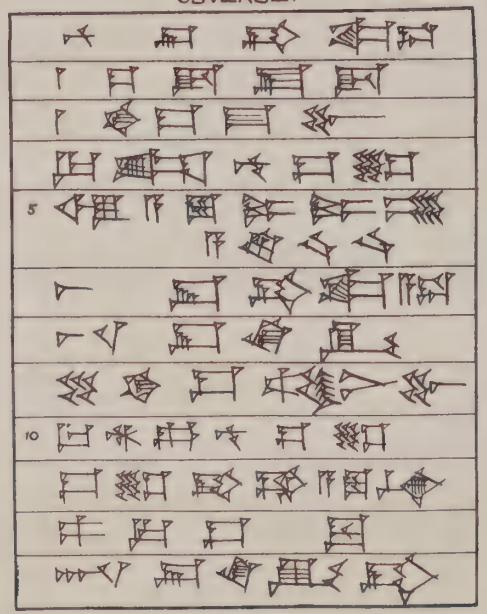

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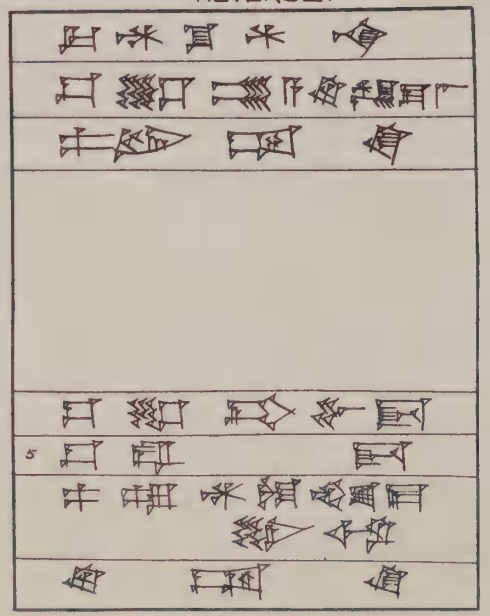

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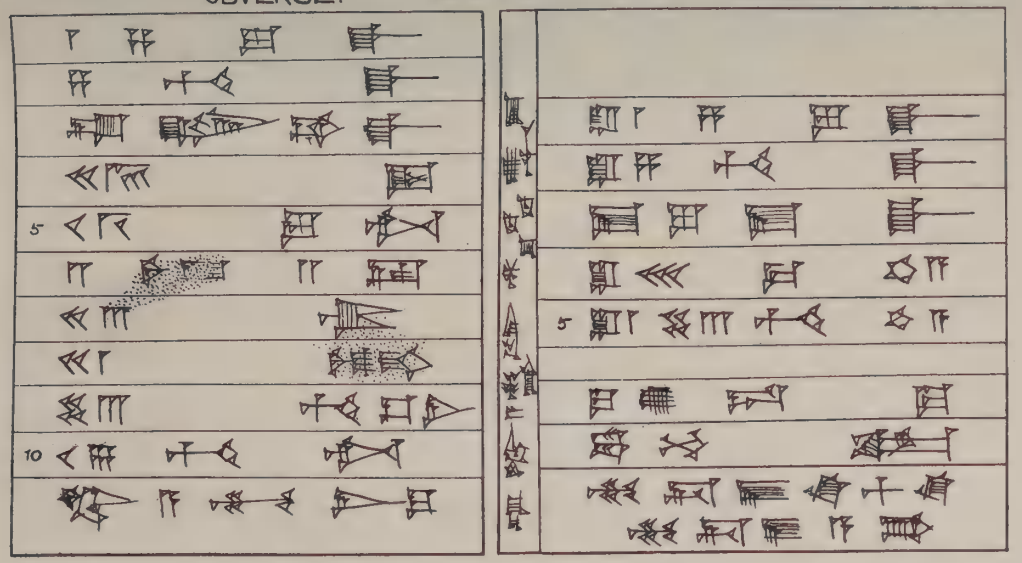

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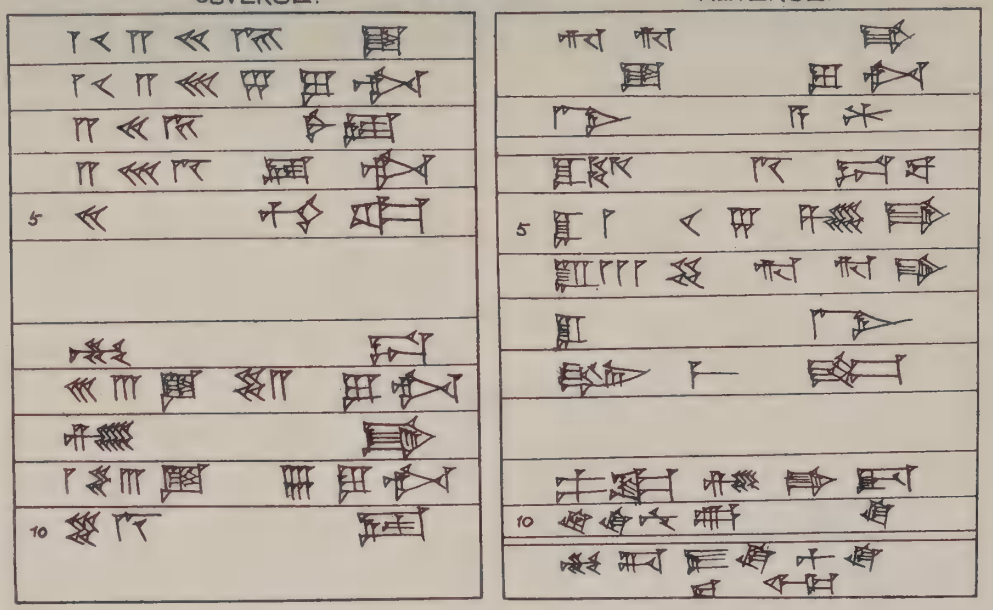

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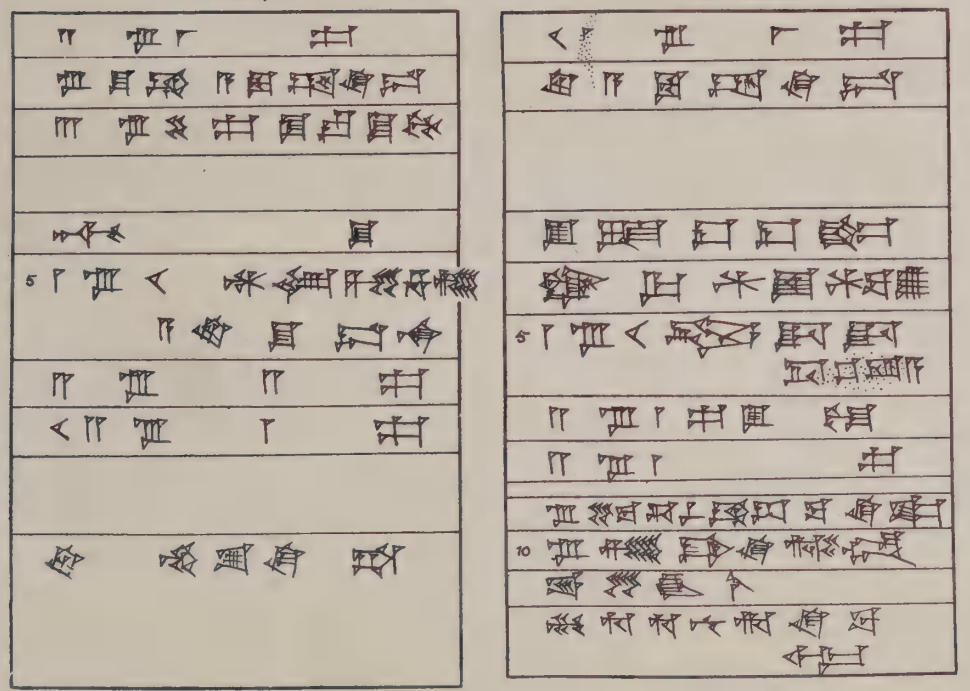

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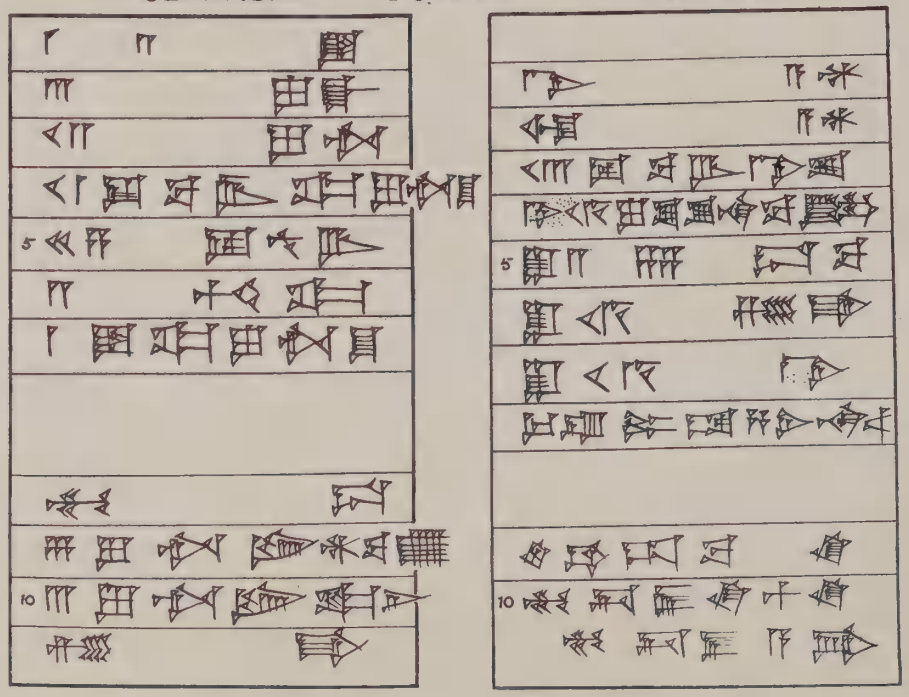

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